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OBSERVATION POSTS ALONG THE BORDER

Following rumours that Indian troops in the New Territories had been shifted to posts along the border, Col. Irwin, G.S.O.I., informed the "China Mail" yesterday that the report was without foundation.

It is true, however, that troops have recently been engaged along the border constructing substantial observation posts for use in any emergency.

"They will not be manned," stated Col. Irwin.

The Indian troops in camp in the New Territories will return to barracks at the normal time for their return.

There is also no truth in a further rumour that 16-inch guns are being mounted in Hong Kong's forts.

JAPAN'S POLICY REGARDING SOUTH CHINA

Shanghai, 2.15 p.m., To-day.
It is reliably learned that the troops which left Shanghai this morning in a score of transports are not destined for South China, but are proceeding up the Yangtze for the further operations planned.

Well-informed Japanese quarters declare that an attack on South China at this juncture is most unlikely.

Unless the anti-Japanese movement in the south takes a form which the Japanese military cannot ignore, or in the event of operations in Central China encountering heavy difficulties attributed to South China activities, Japanese operations will probably be confined to the bombing of the railways. — Our Own Correspondent.

NOT SATISFIED BY JAPAN'S INITIAL APOLOGY

London, To-day.
British Government circles are apparently not satisfied with the Japanese Note, as Britain demands more than Japan has offered.

The "Daily Telegraph" says the British Note meant that the commanders of the Japanese army, navy and air force be subjected to "special discipline."

The Note points out contradictions in the Japanese reply.

At Wuhu, it says, Japanese artillery continued to shell H.M.S. Bee after several protests had been made by the British commander.

After every attack on British nationals, Japan had assured Britain it would not happen again.

The "Daily Telegraph" approves the British Note, saying "The shelling of British gunboats at Wuhu was no accident but a deliberate action."

WILFUL DISREGARD
"Although responsible quarters in Tokyo probably disapproved of the action, there is unfortunately no doubt that the Japanese officers wilfully disregarded the wishes of their Government."

"Britain has shown a great deal of patience, and it can therefore not be said that the demands voiced in the Note are unreasonable."

"It would be incompatible with the British Government's dignity, however, if it did not demand full satisfaction for the wrong which has obviously been done."

TEXT CHANGED
Informed quarters state that the original text of the British Note, which was drafted some days ago, was altered when the Japanese Note was received in London.

Newspapers assert that Mr. Anthony Eden tried to persuade the United States Government to address an identical Note to Japan.

Washington, however, is said to have replied that it would prefer to take independent action.

H.K. NAVAL STRENGTH
The papers still state that London and Washington are consulting on the question of eventual strengthening of British and American

naval force in the Far East.
It is believed that two or three battleships or large cruisers, and a number of destroyers and submarines, will be ordered to proceed to Hong Kong in order to reinforce the naval forces there.
The "Daily Herald" says that the cruiser H.M.S. Birmingham, commissioned only a few days ago, will leave for the Far East in the next

JAPANESE SHOT DEAD IN NANTAO

Shanghai, To-day.
Nantao is to-day under strict Japanese martial law following the shooting of two Japanese gendarmes yesterday evening.

Both were shot dead and the assailant escaped.

A cordon was thrown round a wide area immediately after the shooting, with Japanese military and police co-operating in the search, which was still going on this morning.

Already more than fifty suspects have been taken to Japanese military headquarters for questioning. — Our Own Correspondent.

MANILA A FREE PORT?

Tokyo, To-day.
The Domei News Agency reports from Manila that President Quezon is contemplating making Manila a free port. — Our Own Correspondent.

few days, though this measure was decided some time ago and has no connection with the Yangtze crisis. — Trans-Ocean.

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Abbreviations

K., Knit; P., Purl; Sts., Stitches; Inc., Increase; Dec., Decrease; Tog., Together; Beg., Beginning; Pat., Pattern.

cularly well-fitting hipline. The single cable column on each side, allied with narrow ribbing, emphasises the slimming line.

BACK

With No. 12 pins, cast on 118sts. Knit into back of 1st row. Rib 3 rows, K1P1. Change to following pat.

1st row: Knit. 2nd row: (K2, P2) 5 times, K2, P12, (K2, P2) 12 times, K2, P12, (K2, P2) 5 times, K2.

Repeat these 2 rows three times more.

9th row: K22, (slip next 4sts. on to spare pin, place at back of work), knit next 4 sts. Bring 4 sts. from spare pin to front of work. K next 4 sts., K 4 sts. from spare pin. K 22.

10th row: As 2nd.

These 10 rows form pat. Work till 4in from start. Change to No. 8 pins. Work, still in pat., till 12½in from start.

Shape Armholes.—Cast off 2 sts. at beg. of next 12 rows. Work 7in. Shape Shoulders.—Cast off 6 sts. at beg. of next 10 rows. Cast off remaining sts.

FRONT

Cast on 56 sts. with No. 12 pins. Knit into back of 1st row. Rib 3 rows, K1P1. Continue as follows: 1st row: Knit. 2nd row: (K2, P2) 5 times, K2, P12, (K2, P2) 5 times, K2.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 three times more.

9th row: K22. Work cable plait. K22. 10th row: As 2nd.

Work till 4in from start. Change to No. 8 pins. Work till 12½in from start.

Shape Armhole.—Cast off 2 sts. at beg. of next 6 armhole end rows. Work 5in.

Shape Neck.—Cast off 8 sts.

at neck edge. Work 2in on remaining sts., decreasing 1 st. every row at neck edge till 32 sts. remain. Shape Shoulders.—Cast off 6 sts. every armhole end row 4 times. Work back to armhole. Cast off 8. Work another Front with armhole, and other shapings at opposite edges.

SLEEVES

Using No. 12 pins cast on 82 sts. Rib 2in, K1P1. Change to No. 8 pins and the following pat. 1st row: Knit. 2nd row: *K2, P2. Repeat from * to last 2 sts. K2. Work 1 inch, then inc. 1 st. each end of next and every 8th row following till there are 82 sts. When sleeve measures 18½in from start, cast off 2 sts. at beg. of every row till 10 sts. remain. Cast off.

FRONT FACINGS

With No. 12 pins cast on 10 sts. Rib ½ inch, K1P1. Make button-

hole: Rib 3, cast off 4, rib 3. Next row: Rib 3, cast on 4, rib 3. Make further buttonholes 1¼in apart. Continue till work measures 18in from start. Work another strip, omitting buttonholes.

COLLAR

Cast on 50 sts. with No. 8 pins. Rib in K1P1, decreasing 1 st. each end of every 6th row, till there are 16 sts. Change to No. 12 pins. Rib 1 row. Make slot: Rib 3, cast off 10, rib 3. Next row: Rib 3, cast on 10, rib 3. Rib 15in without shaping. Change to No. 8 pins and inc. 1 st. each end of every 6th row till there are 50 sts. Rib 5 rows. Cast off.

TO MAKE UP

Press under damp cloth with warm iron. Sew up all seams, sew on facings and sew on collar. Work buttonholes, sew on buttons.

A USE FOR WORN NET CURTAINS

The "good" portions of curtains which are no longer fit to be hung could be cut into rounds, hemmed neatly, and used for making glass, cup, jug and bowl covers.

A crochet edge by working a round of doubles into the hem would strengthen the cover. Then groups of three chain (on which the heavy coloured bead could be threaded) and one treble into the double of previous row would suffice for the second round.

The thickest crochet cotton or silko must be employed, or a thinner thread used in doubled form. For nursery jugs and tumblers an amusing animal could be darned into the centre of this home-made net cover.

APRICOT BETTY

4 slices of bread, ½ lemon, 4 small pats butter or margarine, 2 cups sliced canned or sliced stewed dried apricots, 1 cup apricot juice.

Remove crusts from the bread. Spread bread with butter or margarine. Cut each slice into three strips.

Place a layer of strips in the bottom of a buttered fireproof dish. Cover with the prepared apricots. Repeat the layers till the dish is full.

Stir the juice of the lemon into the apricot juice. Pour over the bread and apricots. Bake in a moderate oven till brown. Serve with hot custard sauce. Enough for four persons.

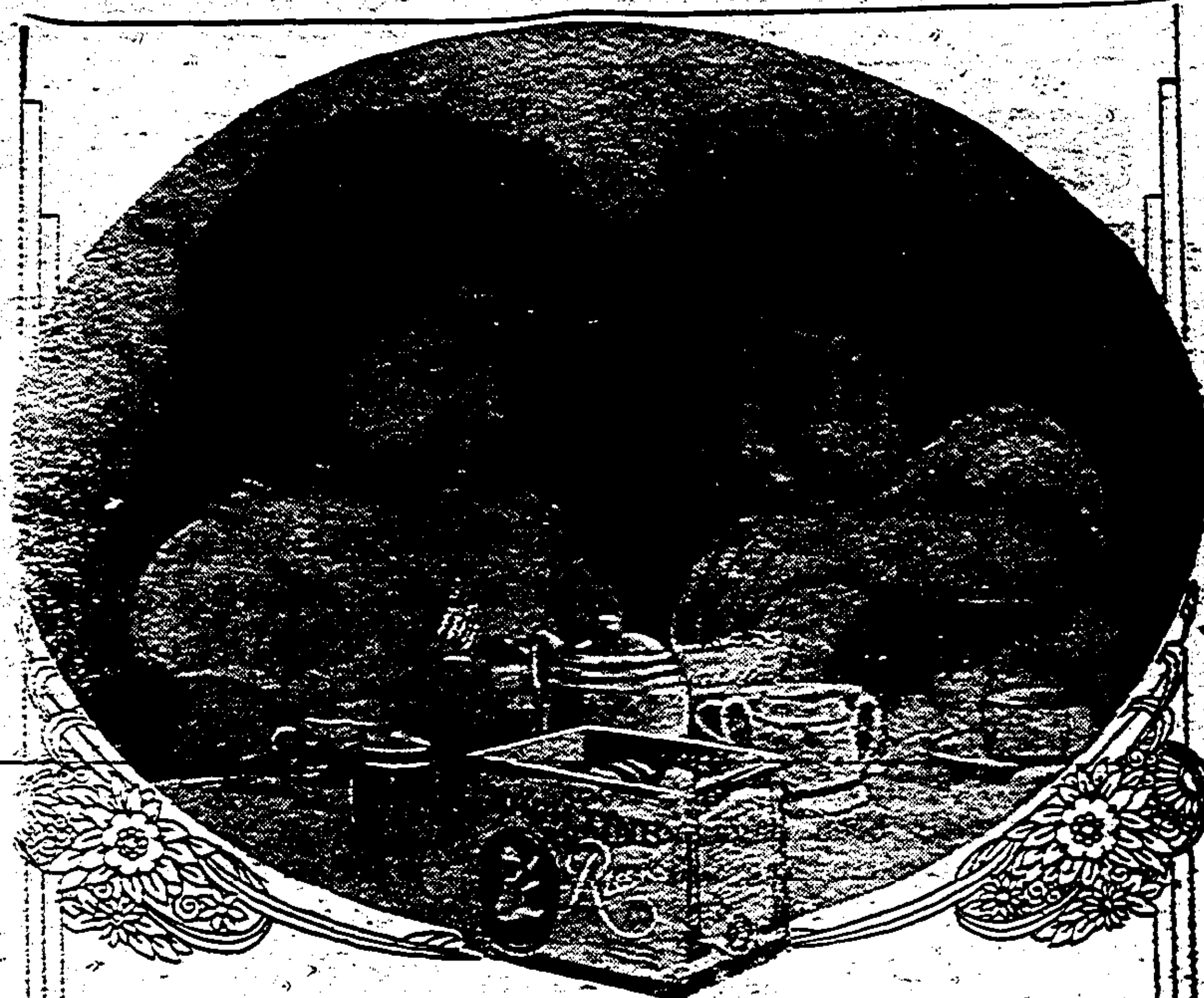
PRUNE SOUFFLE

½-pint stoned, stewed prunes, 2 tablespoonfuls castor sugar, 1 teaspoonful vanilla essence, 1½ gills prune juice, 2 egg whites, ½ cup sponge cake crumbs, 2 tablespoonfuls minced walnuts.

Cook the prunes to a pulp or till soft enough to put through a sieve. Mix pulp and juice into crumbs. Stir in sugar and vanilla essence. Mix well, then add walnuts.

Whip egg whites till stiff, then fold into mixture. Pour into a buttered piedish. Place in a baking tin containing a little hot water. Bake in a moderate oven till firm, in about ¾ hour. Serve with custard sauce.

Note.—Apricot Souffle can be made by following the above recipe, substituting apricots for the prunes.



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1 p.m.—Local Time Signal & Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—New Light Orchestral.
1.27 p.m.—Renter & Rugby Press; Local Weather Forecast & Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Arthur Schnabel at the Piano.
Rondo in C Major, Op. 51, No. 1 (Beethoven).
'Für Elise' (Beethoven).
1.49 p.m.—Orchestral and Lily Pons (Soprano).
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
4-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7 p.m.—Dance Music.

7.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations & Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.
7.35 p.m.—Variety.
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—London Relay—'Christmas Is Coming'.
8.30 p.m.—Studio—Gaston D'Aquino (Tenor) & E. O'Neil Shaw at the Piano.
9 p.m.—Light Orchestral.
Nights At The Ballet, No. 3: Spectre of the Rose (Weber)—'Invitation to the Waltz'.
Prince Igor (Borodin)—'Polovtsian Dances'.
Petrouchka (Stravinsky)—'Danse Russe' (Violin solo—Antonio Bro-

sa). Three Corners Hat (de Falla)—The Miller's Dance'.
Symphony Orchestra conducted by Walter Goehr.
Poupee Valsante (Feldman).
Orchestre Raymonde.
Concert Waltz—'Joyousness' (Haydn Wood)—Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by The Composer.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—Quarterly Technical Talk—1.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m.—Frank Merrick (Piano).
Piano Sonata in C Minor, Op. 1, No. 3 (John Field).
10.02 p.m.—Maria Muller (Soprano).
Dreams (Wagner).
In The Hothouse (Wagner).
Piano accomp. by Ivor Newton.
10.10 p.m.—Beethoven—Symphony No. 3 in E Flat Major, Op. 55 (Eroica).
Played by the Symphony Orchestra conducted by Albert Coates.
11 p.m.—Close down.

Mills's Training Quarters at Ascot.
11.05 a.m.—The Wesssex Players.
11.45 a.m.—Recital of Schumann's Songs.
12.00 p.m.—'Christmas is Coming'.
12.30 p.m.—Henry Hall and his Dance Orchestra.
1.15 p.m.—Quarterly Technical Talk.
1.30 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 1.45 p.m.
1.55 p.m.—Close down.

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2.15 p.m.—Big Ben. The BBC Empire Orchestra, conductor, Eric Fogg. Three Botticelli Pictures: (1) Spring (2) Adoration of the Magi (3) Birth of Venus (Bosch). Symphony No. 101 in D (The Clock). (F) Adagio—Presto (2) Andante (3) Minuet (4) Finale: Vivace (Haydn).
3.00 p.m.—For the Colonial Service. Talks on matters of interest to Government servants in the Colonial Service.

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G.M.T.
8.15 a.m.—Big Ben. The BBC Military Band.
8.50 a.m.—Quarterly Technical Talk—1.
9.05 a.m.—'At the Black Dog'.
9.35 a.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 9.45 a.m.
10.00 a.m.—'As I See It'—7. A talk by Gilbert Murray.
10.15 a.m.—Beniamino Gigli (Tenor).
10.25 a.m.—Close down.

TRANSMISSION 2

Frequencies—
GSJ 21.53 Mc/s (13.93 m.)
GSH 21.47 Mc/s (13.97 m.)
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSO 15.18 Mc/s (19.76 m.)
10.45 a.m.—Big Ben. 'Circus in Prospect'. A broadcast from Bertram 10.15 p.m.—To-day in Germany.

3.20 p.m.—Orchestral Music.
3.30 p.m.—'At the Black Dog'. Mr. Wilkes at home in his own parlour.
4.00 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.
4.25 p.m.—Musical Interlude.
4.30 p.m.—'Marry the Girl' by Arthur Miller and George Arthurs. The courtroom scene of this Tom Walls-Ralph Lynn farce, adapted as a musical comedy by George Arthurs. Music by Jack Clarke. Production by F. H. C. Piffard.
5.00 p.m.—Close down.

BERLIN BROADCAST

On stations DJA 31.38 m, DJB 19.74 m, DJE 16.89 m, DJN 31.45 m, DJQ 19.63 m.
H.K.T.
2.15 p.m.—Concert Programme.
3.00 p.m.—News and Economic Review.
5.00 p.m.—Our Mutual Path.
5.15 p.m.—Flemish Songs.
6.00 p.m.—All's well that ends well!
8.00 p.m.—News.
9.15 p.m.—An artist on the throne: Ludwig I. of Bavaria.
10.00 p.m.—News and Economic Review.
10.15 p.m.—To-day in Germany.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

The Hazards Of No-Trumps

The spirit of adventure, without which bridge would lose most of its savour, is seen at its best when there are no trumps. For the sake of making game with only nine tricks, the declarer cuts himself off from the protection that even the most straggling trump suit affords, and invites attack at his weakest point—if the enemy can discover it in time.

It is this deliberate invocation of hazard that so often turns a hand of the lifeless 4-3-3-3 pattern into an exciting battlefield of wits. And occasionally No-Trumps is bid on the basis of a long-minor suit, to the confusion of adversaries who treat No-Trumps as synonymous with balanced distribution. There are more risks run, more victories cunningly or impudently snatched, and more disasters suffered at No-Trumps than at contracts of any other denomination.

I speak particularly of experts, for it is a mark of the expert to run risks open-eyed which the moderate player will timorously avoid. But the expert will usually so manoeuvre as to reduce the risk. Take, for instance, this deal from one of the rubber bridge matches which Mr. Howard Schenken and Mr. Michael Gottlieb played in London.

Gottlieb

NORTH

S-A 10 9 8 x
H-Q 10 x
D-Q J
C-K J x

WEST

S-J x S-K x x
H-J x x H-A x x x
D-K 10 x x D-A x x x
C-10 x x x C-x x

Schenken

SOUTH

S-Q x x
H-K x x
D-x x x
C-A Q x x

North: 1 S 2 S 3 NT
South: 2 D 2 NT

Both sides were vulnerable. Mr. Schenken's simple little ruse of bidding Diamonds to inhibit a lead of that suit worked. West led a small Heart, which was taken by East's Ace. A Heart return was captured by dummy's Queen, and when East again got the lead with his King of Spades, he led another Heart. North-South made four Spades, two Hearts and four Clubs—the contract and an over-trick—while all the time East-West could have taken four Diamonds, the Ace of Hearts, and the King of Spades.

It will be noticed that Four Spades cannot be made, since East-West must take four tricks against that contract. It will also be noted that the risk South ran was not unlim-

ed. If he was doubled, he could go back to Spades.

Here it was only game that was snatched, but in one of the teams-of-four events of the American Bridge League's meeting at Asbury Park last month a slam in No-Trumps was made, although one suit was entirely unprotected.

NORTH

S-A x x
H-A 10 x
D-A Q x x
C-J 10 9

WEST

S-x S-J 10 x
H-x x H-x x x x
D-K 10 9 x x D-J x x
C-A K x x x C-Q x x

SOUTH

S-K Q x x x x
H-K Q J x
D-x
C-x x

South dealt and opened with One Spade, and West bid Two Diamonds. North thought this was a psychic bid, and was so fearful lest his side should be robbed of a slam that he straightway went Six No-Trumps. East led his lowest Diamond, and North promptly made two Diamonds, six Spades, four Hearts, and his contract.

Sometimes, however, the boot is on the other leg. Here is a case where a psychic bid played havoc with a No-Trumps contract.

NORTH

S-K 9 x
H-A J x x x
D-x
C-A K Q x

WEST

S-Q x x S-J x x
H-Q x x x H-x
D-A x D-K Q J 9 x x
C-x x x x C-10 x

SOUTH

S-A 10 x x
H-K 10 x
D-10 8 7 x
C-x x

West North East South
No 1 H 1 NT No
No 2 C No 2 NT
No 3 H No 3 NT
Dble All pass

North-South only were vulnerable. West led a small Spade, which was taken by South's Ace. South, thinking that East's No-Trumps must have been based on the guarded Queen of Hearts and a solid Diamond suit, entered dummy with a Club and played the Heart finesse through East. West took the trick with his Queen, led his Ace of Diamonds, and continued the suit. East thus made all his Diamonds, and the contract was defeated by three tricks—a penalty of 300.

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AT THE MAJESTIC—"The Great O'Malley."—Pat O'Brien, Humphrey Bogart, Ann Sheridan, Frieda Inescort, Sybil Jason, Donald Crisp, and Henry O'Neill are cast in this picture. O'Malley's fetish is the letter of the law until the object lesson of three wrecked lives as the result of a minor infraction of traffic regulations gives him a new slant on things. That and the girl. A great human interest story with East Side New York as its setting.

AT THE STAR—"On the Avenue."—Irving Berlin's latest. A New York

real life romance set to music. With Dick Powell, Madeleine Carroll, Alice Faye, Ritz Brothers, George Barbier, Alan Mowbray, Cora Witherspoon, Stepin Fetchit and Sig Rumann.

AT THE QUEEN'S—"Morocco."—Revival of three-star picture, featuring Gary Cooper, Marlene Dietrich and Adolphe Menjou.

AT THE ALHAMBRA—"A Successful Calamity."—With George Arliss, Mary Astor, Evelyn Knapp, Grant Mitchell, David Torrence and Randolph Scott. The tale of a millionaire who failed in order to win back his family from pursuits that were ruining them.

AT THE KING'S—"Public Enemy's Wife", with Pat O'Brien, Robert Armstrong and Margaret Lindsay. The picture show what happens when the desperate mates of the mobsters try to break from the clutch of the underworld and go straight.



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HIDDEN ARMS CACHES STILL FOUND IN PARIS

Paris, To-day.

Another store of hidden arms
was discovered by the Paris police
yesterday.

In the cellar of a house in the
Boulevard de Concelle, they found
five cases containing 150 kilo-
grammes of explosives, 64 hand-
grenades and a number of automa-
tic rifles.

The cellar is part of house pro-
perty owned by a bank official.

As it had been established that
this official had been away from
Paris for some time, the police are
inclined to give credence to the
story of the janitor, who says that
he alone was responsible for plac-
ing the arms in the cellar.—Trans-
Ocean.

INTERESTING RECOLLECTION

The interesting revelation was
made yesterday that Admiral Eu
Yang Keh, who commanded the
Kiangyin Forts defence operations,
as Captain in-command of the cru-
iser, Chung Shan provided refuge for
the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen at Canton
during the rebellion of Chan Kwing-
ming.

It was revealed by the same source
that one Japanese destroyer was
badly damaged and one slightly dam-
aged during the operations and
Kiangyin.

GRACIE GETS FAN MAIL BY THE SACK

So big is the fan mail of Gracie
Fields, idol of films and the variety
stage, that her letters are delivered
to her office in London in sacks.

People ask her for all sorts of
things, for Gracie's big salary and
generosity are known all over the
world.

One day she received a request,
from a soldiers stationed in India,
to buy him out of the Army, as he
was fed up. A Mayfair woman,
whose husband was in difficulties,
wrote asking Gracie to send £500 by
return of post so that things could
be straightened out.

Every mail brings plays for her
to read and songs for her to sing—
sometimes 50 plays in a day, and as
many as 1,000 songs.

Begging letters have made re-
quests for as much as £60,000 in one
week.

The mail brings pathos, too. An
old woman wrote, after reading of a
planned Continental trip, asking if
Gracie would place a flower on the
grave of her son, who had been kill-
ed in the Great War.

ROYAL CAR COLLIDES IN LONDON

London, To-day.

When the King and Queen were
returning from the theatre last
night, the Royal Car collided with
a small private car in Trafalgar
Square.

Nobody was hurt, the damage
was only slight, and the Royal Car
proceeded after a few minutes.—
Reuter.

INFORMER CAUGHT IN A TRICK

Chang Ping, unemployed, was
this morning sentenced to six
months' imprisonment by Mr. R. A.
D. Forrest at the Central Magis-
tracy, when he pleaded guilty to
the theft of a clock from Lo Tin-
tak, at No. 73, Hennessy Road on
Wednesday.

Detective-Sergeant Bentley said
defendant stole the clock from the
complainant who was a relative of
his and gave to another man, who
was told to sell it. On the way de-
fendant informed a detective that
the man was in possession of a
stolen clock. The defendant had
been a police informer before
but some of his information in
the past was suspicious.

IMPATIENT CALLER TO PAY COMPENSATION

Fung Fei-lung, aged 19, was this
morning charged before Mr. R. A. D.
Forrest at the Central Magistracy
with an assault on Yeung Chuk-
kai, aged 77, the office manager of
Messrs. Thomas Le C. Kuen and Co.
Defendant was cautioned, and
ordered to pay \$20 compensation to
the complainant.

Detective-Sergeant Davis said de-
fendant went to the office to look for
Mr. Lee and was told to wait by
complainant. Defendant then at-
tempted to enter the office and when
stopped hit the complainant on the
chest and face breaking his specta-
cles and hitting him to the ground.

PAINTED FACES OF ENGLAND

Bishop Thinks Women
Made 'Needlessly'
Hideous

Supporting his £72,000 appeal for
new areas and church schools in the
diocese, the Bishop of Worcester, at
Malvern, said:

"I understand that the ladies of
England spend something like three
or four millions annually on painting
their faces and finger nails and some-
times their toe nails.

"I have a very strong personal
opinion that it makes a woman a
great deal more hideous than she
need be."

About women smokers he added:
"I rather like the idea of a man who
remarked to me not long ago, 'I have
given up smoking now—it is too
effeminate.'"

CHIANG KAI-SHEK ON THE ULTIMATE VICTORY

Hankow, To-day.

"No matter how the present situation may change, we must not surrender but march onward," declares General Chiang Kai-shek in a manifesto to the nation, broadcast yesterday from his field headquarters.

The Generalissimo said that since the beginning of hostilities, Chinese army casualties on all fronts exceeded 300,000, and the loss of civilian life and property is beyond computation.

He added: "As long as I live, I will pursue to the utmost of my ability, resistance to the bitter end, and will secure ultimate victory for the nation."

"Appraising the probable outcome of the hostilities, we are convinced that the present situation is favourable to China."

BASIS FOR SUCCESS

"The basis of China's future success in prolonged resistance is not to be found in Nanking nor in the big cities but in the villages all over China, and in the fixed determination of the people."

"The time must come when Japan's military strength will be completely exhausted, thus giving us the ultimate victory."—Reuter.

L. N. E. R. REPLY TO COACH CRITICISMS

London, To-day.

At the inquiry in Edinburgh into the Castlecary train disaster, Sir Nigel Gresley, Chief Engineer of the London North Eastern Railway said the carriages were made with heavy steel under the foremost and solid teak under the end sections.

It was not possible to make a carriage which would withstand the impact of a great engine rushing into it at 50 m.p.h. It must collapse at the end. In a train constructed in such a way there would be no injury. Everybody would be killed by the impact.

There was no telescoping in the true sense at the Castlecary accident. It was a case of over-running rather than of telescoping.

The coach construction of the Company's stock was not decided on through reasons of economy. Weight for weight, the type of coach used was stronger structurally than steel.—British Wireless.

JAPAN FUND FOR VICTIMS OF INCIDENTS

Tokyo, To-day.

A wave of spontaneous contribution of money to aid victims of the Panay incident is sweeping the nation.

Five students of Eenzoku High School, led by their teacher, visited the Admiralty yesterday and handed officials a sum of money contributed by all students of the school to aid the victims.

Miss Satsuko Uyesugi, representa-

FREE LAND FOR POOR IN CUBA

Havana, To-day.

The Cuban Government has decided to distribute unoccupied Government lands to 50,000 poor families, each of which will be given 33 acres.

It is stated that this is part of a three-year economic plan, and will make an acceptable Christmas present to the poor, as they will be allowed to occupy the land immediately.—Reuter.

NEW EDUCATION FOR NORTH CHINA

Shanghai, To-day.

Eradication of the anti-Japanese educational system which has been prevalent in North China, is being contemplated by the newly-established "provisional government of the republic of China," says a Japanese report from Tientsin.

In order to achieve this purpose, the message adds, the educational department of the executive commission of the new government is formulating fundamental principles regarding cultural and educational problems.

Such doctrines as the "Three Principles of the People," which are described as likely to "mislead" the people, will, as stated, be discarded, while Confucianism, declared to be the foundation of Oriental thought, will be fostered.—Reuter.

EARL DE LA WARR LEAVES

London, To-day.

The Lord Privy Seal, Earl de la Warr, left for Australia yesterday as representative of the British Government at celebration of the 150th anniversary.—Trans-Ocean.

tive of the Nagai Women's Association and Madame Satsuko Hayano, representative of the Japan Women's Aeronautical Society, also visited the Admiralty and handed their contributions to officials.

The movement has also been taken up by boy students who are making contributions.—Reuter.

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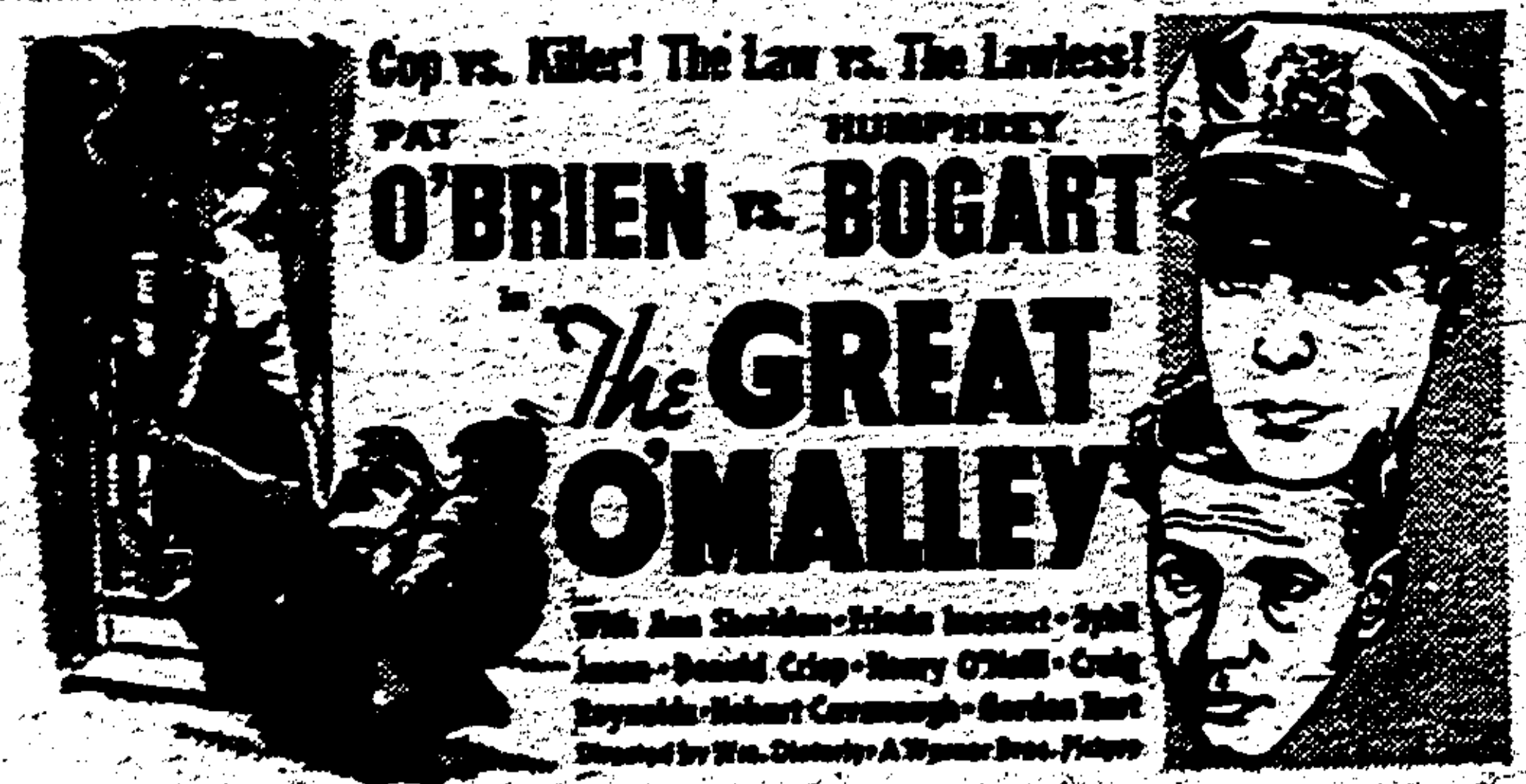
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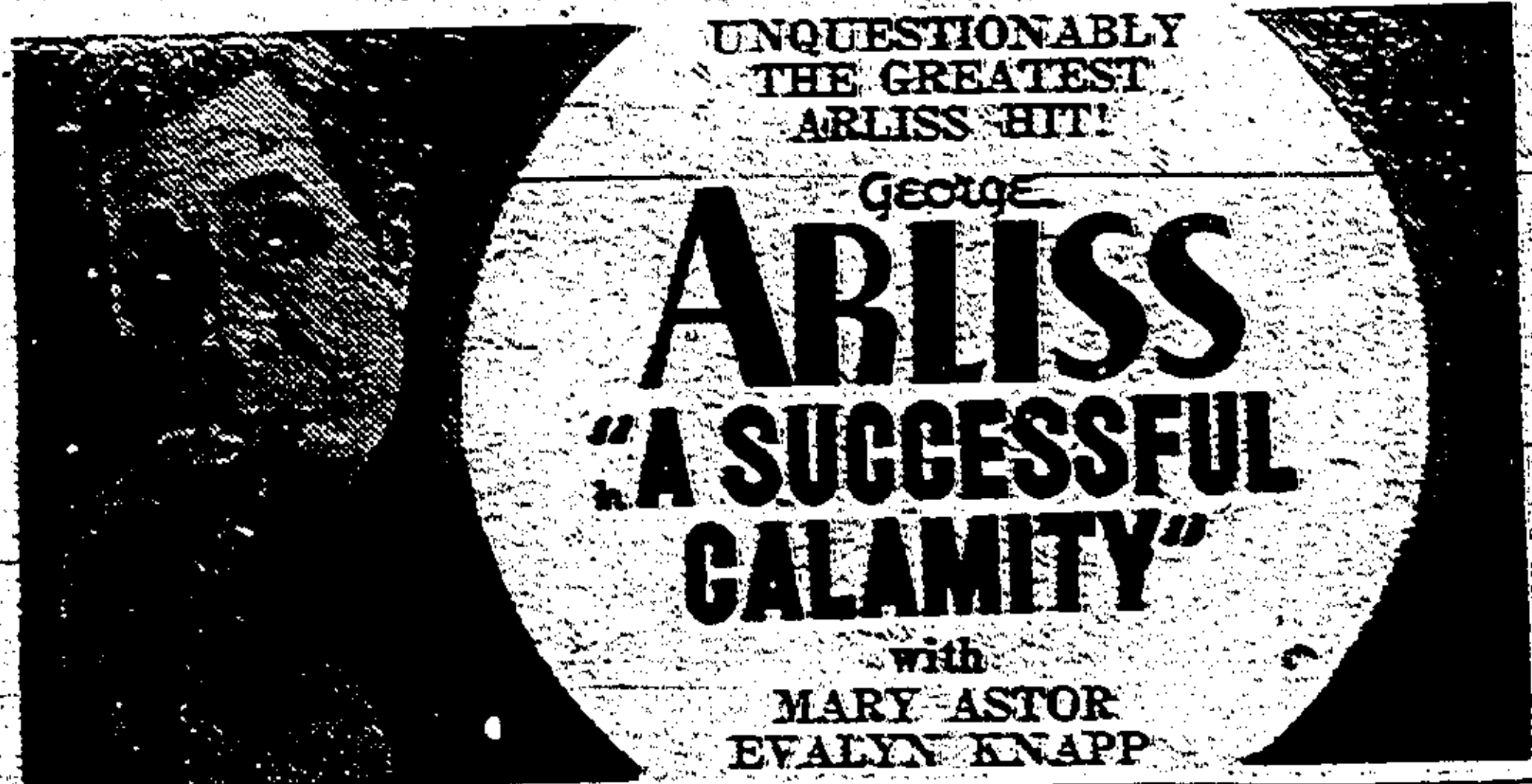
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GOVT. DEFENDS POLICY IN SPECIAL AREAS

London, To-day.

The Labour Party's motion of censure on the Government for its handling of the problem of the special areas and demanding that more fundamental measures are required to enable these areas to take their proper place in the economic life of the nation was debated in the Commons yesterday evening.

The Minister of Labour, Mr. Ernest Brown, replying, said there has been a great improvement in these areas since the Special Areas Acts had been in operation and particularly in the last year.

The problem was much narrower than in 1934.

The areas now had within them three types of communities, firstly, townships which had attained a high level of prosperity, where, in fact, unemployment figures were lower than the average for the whole country; secondly, those townships in which there has been steady improvement; thirdly, the smaller and happily declining group in which little improvement was shown.

In November 1934, the unemployment live register total in special areas was 441,931 and on the 18th October last 265,952. As compared with a year ago, there was in July an increase in numbers at work of 100,000.—British Wireless.

AMHARA REMAINS UNSUBDUED

Rome, To-day.

In connexion with numerous changes which are being made in Italian administrative posts in Abyssinia, the Governor of Amhara Province, north of Addis Ababa, General Firzio Birole, has been recalled and General Nezzette appointed as his successor.

As a result of recent changes, Amhara Province is the only one still in the hands of a General.

It is said that Abyssinians in this particular area have not yet been "subdued," and that marauding expeditions and periodic hostilities still have to be contended with.—Trans-Ocean.

IRISH MINISTER TO ROME

London, To-day.

Irish Free State decision to appoint a Minister to Italy, has caused much comment in London. The papers note that President Eamon de Valera omitted to notify the British Government of the step beforehand.—Trans-Ocean.

SEVERN BRIDGE SCHEME

London, To-day.

Deputies representing twenty-one Local Authorities have petitioned the Minister of Transport for construction of a bridge across the River Severn.

Plan for the bridge has been submitted, in which the structure will contain 86 spans with a 30-foot railway track and motorroad, and two six-foot footpaths.

The bridge will have a 120 feet clearance and its construction will save the 52 miles circular route from Cardiff to Bristol.—Reuter.

EXTENDED HOURS IN FRENCH ARMS INDUSTRY

Paris, To-day.

Exceptional extensions of the 40-hour week system in trades and industries working for national defence, have been unanimously agreed to by employers and workers delegations.

Object of the move is to overcome delays in delivery.—Reuter.

NEW AIRPORT AT ILFORD

London, To-day.

The City of London Court of Common Council has agreed to purchase 1,000 acres of land near Ilford for a new airport. The site was a wartime air station. The land will cost £289,700 and the total cost of airport will be £600,000.—British Wireless.



Asbestos fire rescue suits are now being produced at a Slough factory for the British, Australian and South African Air Forces. Two of these suits will form part of the fire-fighting equipment at all R.A.F. aerodromes in England. Photo shows women busy sewing up the suits, while on the rack, ready for collection, are the completed suits. (Fox Copyright)

PANAY ATTACK DELIBERATE: OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION

Machine-Gunning Of Survivors Escaping In Boats

MR. HULL DESCRIBES INCIDENT AS "MORE SERIOUS"

Washington, To-day.

Official reports have confirmed that Japanese vessels machine-gunned the Panay after it had been bombed by Japanese airmen, announced the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, yesterday.

Mr. Hull added that this information, which made the incident more serious than it at first appeared, would be transmitted to the Japanese Foreign Office in the form of representations to supplement the facts already set out in the formal Note of protest against the bombing.

State Department officials further assert that it is confirmed that while the Panay survivors were escaping in small boats, Japanese aeroplanes dived and machine-gunned them from low altitudes, wounding two of them.

They also confirm that before the Panay sank, two Japanese army motorboats approached the ship and machine-gunned her, after which some Japanese boarded the Panay, remaining on the gunboat for five minutes, although the United States colours were flying and were easily discernable.—Reuter.

WILL KEEP STEP WITH BRITAIN

Washington, To-day.

Official reports stated to describe the deliberate nature of the attack on the Panay and of the machine-gunning of the survivors, which are flowing in to the State Department, will ensure the United States continuing to keep step with Britain in connection with the Far Eastern crisis, it is considered in Washington.

Diplomatic quarters suggest that Japanese policy after these grave happenings, will concentrate on breaking up Anglo-American community of interests if possible.—Reuter.

JAPANESE SEEK TO DENY MACHINE-GUN EPISODE

Shanghai, To-day.

The Japanese military and naval authorities emphatically deny as inconsistent with the facts, reports that before the Panay sank she was machine-gunned by Japanese in two motorboats who then boarded her and left before she went down.

They claim that neither Japanese military nor naval craft were near the Panay when the latter was bombed.—Reuter.

JAPANESE PLACATORY EFFORTS

Tokyo, To-day.

Japanese endeavours to placate American wrath over the Panay outrage have passed beyond diplomatic procedure and have now entered the personal sphere.

It is now announced that a company of Japanese marines from the fleet in China waters will proceed to the spot where the Panay was sunk and will accord full military honours to the American sailors who lost their lives when the vessel was bombed by Japanese planes.

Navy circles in Tokyo also declare willingness to take up a collection in the Japanese navy for the benefit of the families of the victims.—Trans-Ocean.

FIVE-BARRED FLAG OVER TIENTSIN CUSTOMS

Peiping, To-day.

The new Republican flag was hoisted over the Customs House at Tientsin yesterday following taking over of the Customs administration by the "provisional government of the Republic of China."

A semi-official Japanese source predicts that a great revival of trade will take place in North China because "special trade" will now be liquidated.

The entire "provisional government" went by train to Tientsin yesterday to thank General Count Terauchi, commander-in-chief in North China, for his help in establishing the new regime.—Reuter.



A record number of students, a third of them girls, have enrolled for the winter session at the East Anglian Institute of Agriculture, Chelmsford, Essex, which has just opened. Photo shows—Short-lived freedom. Girl poultry students releasing some turkeys, short-lived freedom in view of the approaching festive season. (Fox Copyright).

SANJAK ISSUES REVIVED

Ankara, To-day.

Turkey has addressed a telegram to the League of Nations Secretariat, stating a number of definite reservations regarding regulations drafted by the League Commission for elections in the Sanjak of Alexandretta.—Trans-Ocean.

CHINESE ENVOY IN ROME RECALLED

Rome, To-day.

The Chinese Ambassador, Mr. Lio Wan-tao, left for China yesterday at the behest of the Chinese Government.

It is understood his recall is for "informative purposes" and is without political significance.—Reuter.

NAVAL REVUE

Booking for "Hullo Hong Kong" at the China Fleet Club is reported to be excellent. H.E. the Governor and Lady Northcote are attending Wednesday night's performance.

The Royal Observatory reported this morning that the anti-cyclone continues to move eastward and pressure is now highest over central Japan.

Local forecast: — N.E. winds, fresh; cloudy.

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THE WORLD GOES BY

SOME extraordinary things are said in Parliament sometimes.

For example, listen to this:—

"Mr. Maxton said that in the King's Speech there was no clear definition of what Great Britain, as a nation, wanted in the world, or what the Government desired the future of its citizens to be."

Here is a man who actually expects a Government to know what it is driving at.

The only thing that saved the Government from a painful predicament was that, in a Parliamentary debate, nobody is ever expected to reply to anything anybody says, and all remarks are addressed to the Speaker, who, naturally, never speaks.

The fact that an experienced member can so forget Parliamentary traditions as to expect a Government to define its ultimate object, or even to have an object at all, only shows how little people understand of what a capitalist Government's function really is.

As a member of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Governments, therefore, I consider it

—BY— "ULYSSES"

my duty to explain what a Government is for.

Let us take Mr. Maxton's questions in order: (1) "What does Great Britain, as a nation, want in the world?"

The term "Great Britain" has two meanings. In its common or social sense it means all the people; in its official or Parliamentary sense it means only two kinds of people—those who invest money and those who lend money.

A Government's main function, therefore, is to help investors to get the best possible return for their money, and to help the lenders to find the greatest possible number of borrowers.

To this end, the Government devotes most of its time and energy to maintaining what is called "A Favourable Balance of Trade." This is achieved by sending as many goods as possible out of the country and selling them to foreigners at the lowest possible price, while raising the prices of the goods at home to the highest possible level.

Officially speaking, therefore, what "Great Britain" (official) wants, can be stated quite clearly in two words—"Foreign Markets."

All this, however, is very different from what the nation, as a nation, wants. The nation does not want more goods to be sent out of the country. It wants more goods to be sent into the house.

And there are few working-class mothers who, when invited to state their heart's desire, will reply, "A revival of foreign loans."

For this reason, you can see how after to-morrow. Its policy is not into the blackness of eternal No-tactless it was of Mr. Maxton to ask a means to an end, but only a means thing. Pass the poor devils the

the Government to state what the nation, as a nation, wants. For what Great Britain wants, officially, is almost the exact opposite of what it admits it has no more control than over the weather.

Indeed, from the days of Oliver Twist it has always been understood, among gentlemen, that nothing causes any ruling body so much pain as to be confronted with the knowledge of what the people want.

Mr. Maxton's second question. —

"What does the Government want the future of the citizen to be?"—is even more embarrassing. For no Government can see, neither does it dare to look, farther into the future than the next financial half-year. No man, with a spot of affection for dumb animals, would ever ask a Government to think of the future. For a Government has no means of knowing what is going to happen the day

Let us, therefore, treat these frail and helpless creatures tenderly. Let us remember that when, in his darker moments, a Cabinet Minister looks into the future, he sees nothing but a vast and infinite recurring decimal.

Slump follows boom, and boom gives way to slump, down the dark abyss of endless time. Inflation and deflation succeed one another in an endless chase that has no goal. Back and forth swings the pendulum of irrevocable economic fate, like some vast clapper on a bell of doom. And so, as far as the official eye can see, the process must go on until all earthly governments have passed

Finally, no Government would dare to say what it wants the citizen to be, for it would like him to be something entirely different from what he actually is.

It would like a citizen who has a head and limbs but no stomach, so that he can abandon once for all the expensive habit of eating.

It would like a citizen who can manage to pay his income tax without ever having any income.

In short, the Government's ideal citizen may be likened unto an orange, which, though you squeeze it dry every day, remains forever full of juice.

But how can you expect the Government to say all this? I repeat—it isn't fair to ask it.

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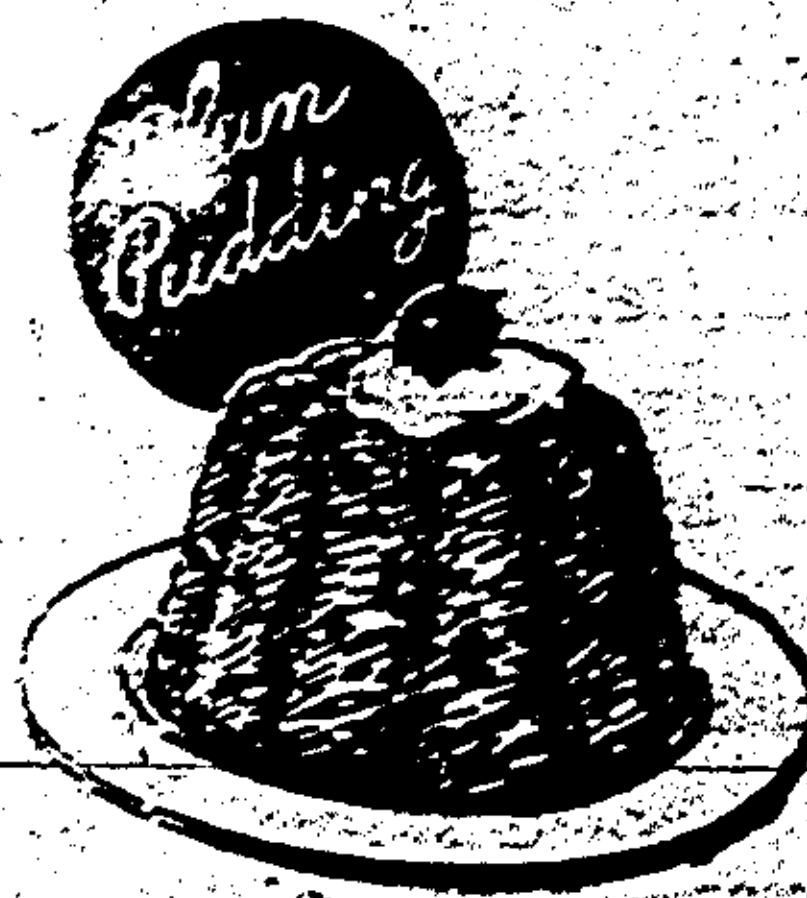
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FIRST LORD OF ADMIRALTY ON NANKING INCIDENT

Under-Rating British Navy Would Be Mistake

INDISCIPLINE OF TROOPS THAT FIRED

London, To-day.

Referring to the Nanking incident in a speech in London last night, the First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. A. Duff-Cooper, said that all deplored the fearful consequences of last week-end, when innocent neutrals were killed and wounded.

"They were sent to their death," he said, "and it could only have been due to the ineptitude or indiscipline of the troops that fired on them."

Referring to the Japanese apology, the First Lord added that he thought we should accept the full apology and hope that necessary steps would indeed be taken to prevent repetition of such a disaster, remembering that this was not the first disaster of the kind to have taken place since hostilities began.

FEVER OF WAR

In times of war, a fever possessed not only those engaged in it but witnesses, and it was therefore wise to be careful at such a time to say or do nothing which would be likely to send up the temperature, on either side.

After a reference to Italian withdrawal from the League of Nations and the increased reliance placed on the British Empire, Mr. Duff-Cooper stated: "Any country which underrates the strength of the British Navy will be making a mistake which may prove fatal to their happiness."

CAUSE OF PEACE

"If there are any nations—I do not say there are—which may seek to achieve their purpose by the use of force and the policy of war, those nations are watching our rearmament with fear and trepidation, because they know that we are rearming in the cause of peace."—Reuter.

RADIO WAVE LENGTH WANTED

Sir,—I have just received advice from my sister, Mrs. Effie Taylor, of St. Thomas College, Colombo, that she will broadcast a programme of Solos and vocal duets with the assistance of her pupil, Miss Carmen Ferdinands, from the Colombo Broadcasting Studio on Thursday 23rd December at 8.15 p.m. Colombo time (or 10.55 p.m. Hong Kong time).

As she wishes me to try and get reception in Hong Kong and let her know the result, I wonder if it is possible for you to insert a short paragraph in your paper asking for the exact wave-length to be tuned to from some of your numerous radio fans, and also would some of them tune in on that date and time and listen-in and report on this programme from Colombo.

Yours etc.
D. O. DE SILVA

CZECHO-SLAVIAN ARMY ANNIVERSARY

Prague, To-day.

M. Yvon Delbos, the French Foreign Minister, attended an impressive demonstration here yesterday in celebration of the twentieth birthday of the Czechoslovakian army.

The Czech Premier, Dr. Hodza, spoke of Franco-Czech collaboration.

M. Delbos recalled the famous Czech Legion formed in France during the Great War.

At a banquet in the evening, both statesmen made speeches stressing adhesion to the League of Nations and the principles of collective security.—Trans-Ocean.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEBATE IN HOUSE

London, To-day.

It was announced in the Commons that there will be a debate on foreign affairs on Tuesday.

Referring to the motion for the adjournment for the Christmas Recess to be moved on Thursday, the Premier said it would contain the usual provision to empower the Speaker on representations from the Government to call the House together at an earlier date if such a course should be considered necessary in the public interest.—British Wireless.

NO NAVAL DEMONSTRATION

Washington, To-day.

The United States does not intend to send warships to Japanese waters, nor does she intend to hold a joint naval demonstration with Britain in connection with the Yangtse incidents, declared the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull.

Authoritative quarters in Washington now deny that the American Note to Japan demands a direct apology from the Emperor himself, as has been widely stated abroad, but admit that there has been some form of direct approach.—Trans-Ocean.

MR. S.M. BRUCE REAPPOINTED

Melbourne, To-day.

The Australian Cabinet has re-appointed Mr. Stanley Bruce as High Commissioner for Australia in London for a further period of five years.—Reuter.

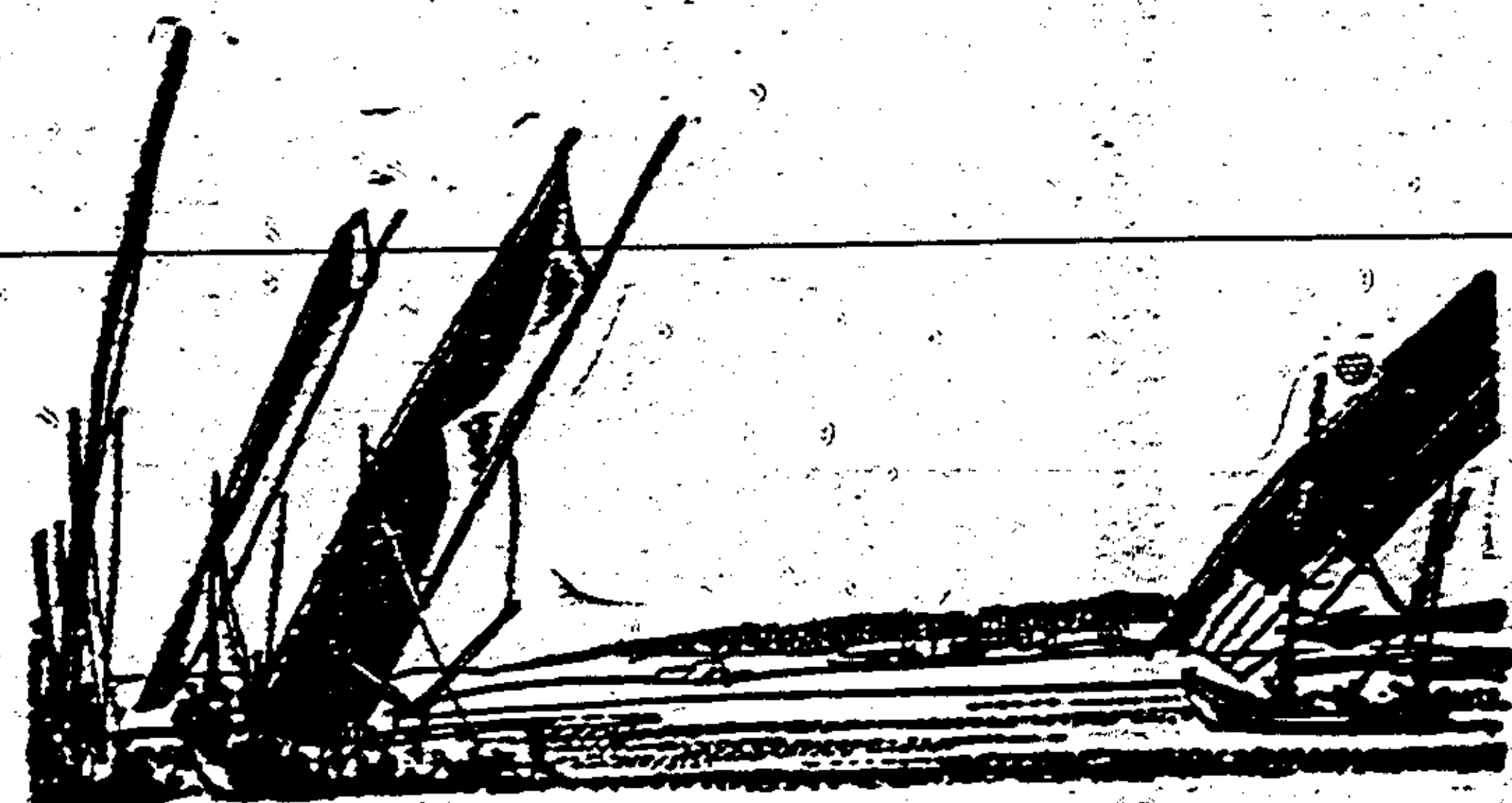
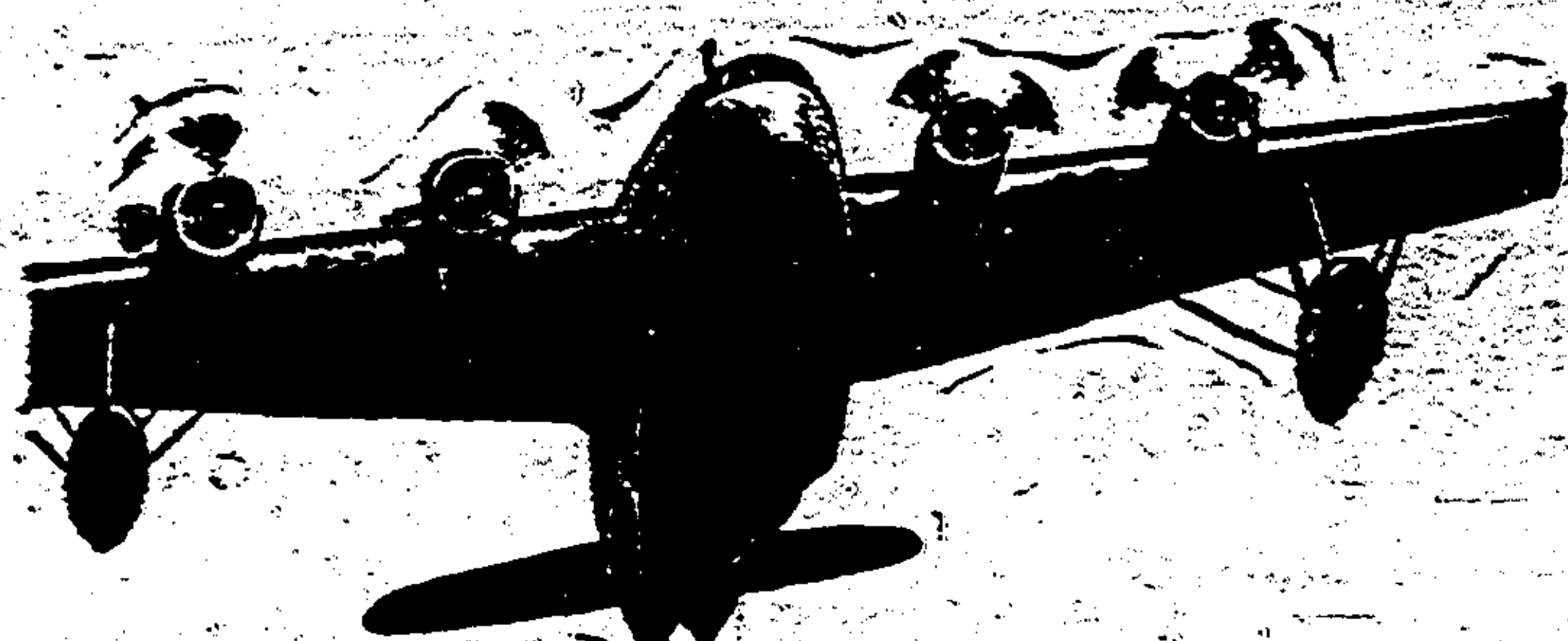
Sir Geoffrey and Lady Northcote will be attending the Fanling Hunt races on Sunday afternoon.

BRITAIN WILL NOT MOVE WITHOUT U.S.

Rome, To-day.

Britain will not resort to decisive measures of any kind until she is certain of United States co-operation, which at the present time seems more remote than ever, says "Tribuna" on the Yangtse incidents.

The paper considers the British Note to Japan as very moderate in tone.—Trans-Ocean.



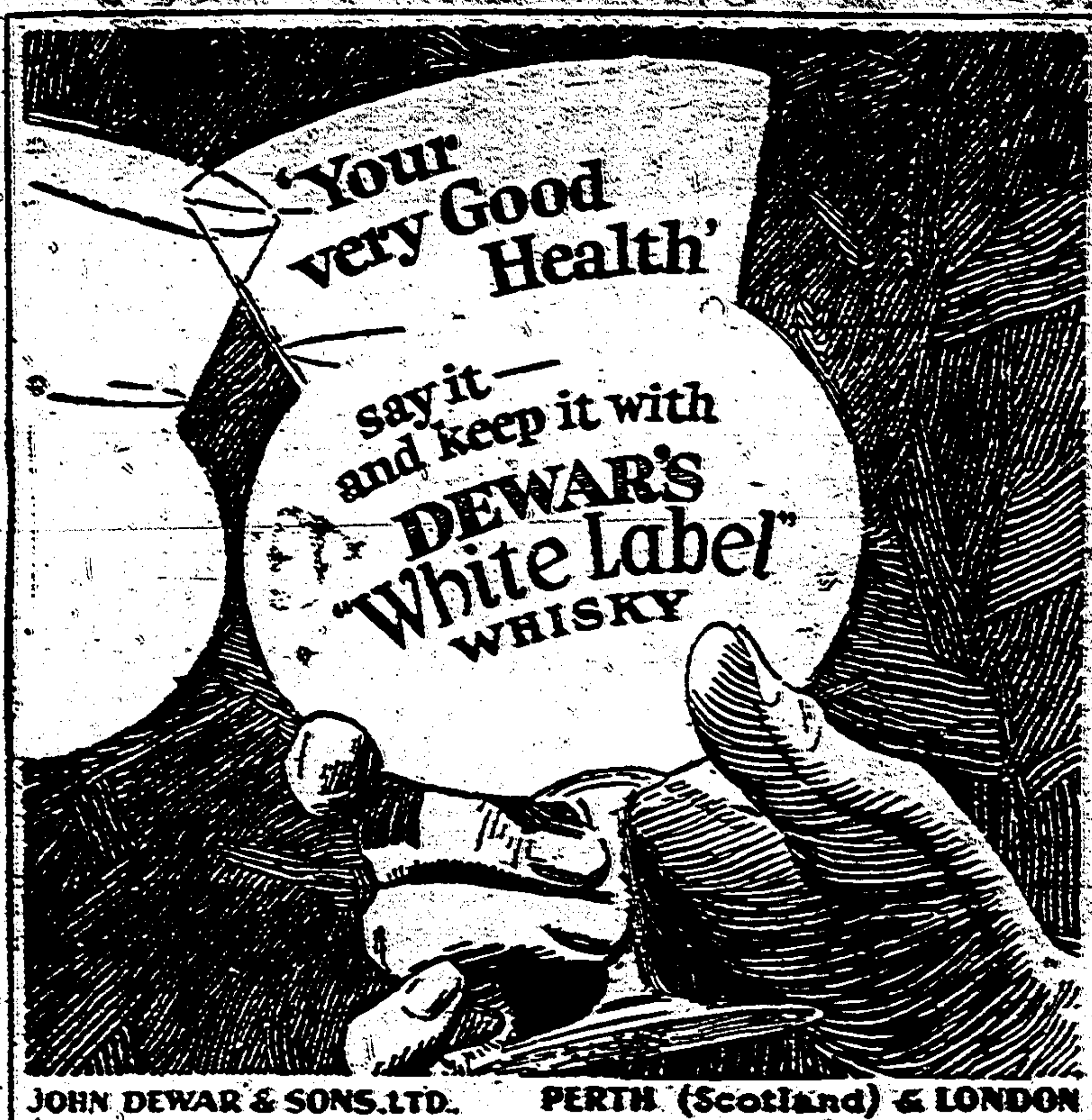
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BRITAIN, U.S.A. AND JAPAN

Japan has anticipated the American and British demands on the Yangtze Incidents by getting in first with the proffering of the full apologies of the Imperial Japanese Government, promising the punishment of those responsible and offering full compensation for damage and injury. It is satisfactory to note, however, that the astuteness of the move has not deceived either Power into the overlooking of the crucial issue, the provision of adequate guarantees against repetition.

There is no misunderstanding possible regarding the British Note. It frankly draws attention to the fact that promises have been made not once nor twice before with assurances that measures to preserve the rights of third parties would be taken, and that the Imperial Japanese Government has failed to live up to its promises. Hence the demand that the British Government be informed not that measures will be taken, but what measures have been taken, a fundamental difference. America goes farther, in requiring the personal interest of the Emperor in the Incidents, on the logical argument that in view of the apparent inability of the Tokyo Government to control the military it becomes necessary to approach the authority which has that power. It raises, it is admitted on all hands, very delicate issues, but there is much to be said for the American point of view which clearly regards the Tokyo Government, for the time being, as a sort of local government with the real power in international politics vested in the military authorities under the Emperor. Even with this, however, there now seems little real prospect of the desired Anglo-American co-operation on all

points of procedure, and it would be wise not to be deceived by joint presentation of the protests.

Opinion in the United States is still too suspicious of any step which carries the merest suspicion that the United States may become involved in underwriting, as it were, the British Empire. Lord Lothian explains the American attitude succinctly in an article in the London "Observer" when he says that while England is popular as a sane and stable country, American citizens, there is deep suspicion of British foreign policy as being imperialist and cunning. This is partly because America hates the idea of one people governing another, partly because she knows little of the modern British Commonwealth, except in so far as it concerns the Dominions, and partly because every British proposal for co-operation looks like a bid for American support for British overseas interests. America is a far more likely to work for a peaceful solution than to threaten sanctions even to the extent of withdrawing from her present stand as first shocks subside.

None the less, as she moves on, the United States will necessarily find herself governed by the logic of the facts and of her own history. Resistance to banditry—whether domestic or international—is a condition of liberty, peace, and a civilised life. Universal national self-determination spells anarchy and war unless it is balanced by a reign of law under which frontiers lose their economic importance and there is power both to change the law and enforce it in the super-national sphere. As she is driven out of isolation by the inexorable forces of the modern world, her strength and her traditions will compel her to play her proper role. Her conclusions will probably be different from what we now hope and expect. But her democratic individualism and energy make it certain that in due time she will contribute, and contribute mightily, to the better government of mankind.

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A Peal of Bells

Among many weighty problems now exercising the keener intellects of Britain, that of bells occupies an important place. Bell-ringers are woefully lacking, as the village of Toller Porcorum has recently shown. The question is bound to have resounding repercussions.

Already it has brought back echoes of the relief of Mafeking. On that momentous day a bell which used to herald movement of trains in Harrogate station disappeared, and was not heard, or heard of, again. A few days ago Sir Bernard Lomas-Walker confessed it was he who, in a moment of exuberance, removed the bell from its moorings, on that night of victory during the Boer War. The incident has been closed by the London and North-Eastern Railway Company's presenting the bell to its captor.

Toller Porcorum has excelled Harrogate, because this delightfully named village has actually got its bells back. For eighteen years these bells were silent, but the inhabitants of Toller saved up, and with £300 they have had the bells re-cast and re-hung. But this Dorset hamlet has an insufficiency of ringers. That should be only a temporary difficulty. Toller should find it easy enough, of all places, to produce tollers.

JAPANESE FORCES EMBARK FOR S. CHINA

Loaded Transports Moving Out Of Shanghai CANTON AND HANKOW AS NEXT POINTS OF ATTACK

THOUSANDS BOUND FOR SOUTH?

Shanghai, To-day.
Thousands of Japanese troops have boarded transports here for an undisclosed destination, believed to be Nanking or South China.—Reuter.

BIG WAR CONFERENCE IN TOKYO

Tokyo, To-day.
Following a series of consultations between the highest authorities, agreement on views has been reached to recommend to the Throne the advisability of holding, to-morrow (Saturday), in the presence of the Emperor, a joint conference of Imperial Headquarters and the Cabinet for fixing Japanese future "fundamental and immutable policies" in connection with the China incident following the capture of Nanking.

After obtaining the Cabinet's approval to-day, the Premier, Prince Konoye, will proceed to the Palace this afternoon to seek Imperial Sanction for the conference, which is expected to be attended by the Chiefs and Vice-Chiefs of the Navy and Army General Staffs, the Premier, Navy Minister, War Minister, Foreign Minister, Home Minister and Finance Minister.—Reuter.

ALLEGED ARREST OF BRITON AS JAPANESE "SPY"

It is learned from a reliable source that a British subject named Joseph J. Richards, aged about 40, has been arrested by the Chinese authorities in Kwangtung on allegations of spying on behalf of the Japanese Government.

The arrest took place, it is stated, at Shum Chun when Richards was taken off the train from Canton to Kowloon just before it crossed into British territory.

It is alleged that investigations have revealed a connection between Richards and Japanese agents in Hong Kong, but the grounds of suspicion have not been disclosed as the arrest has been kept a close secret, leaking out only through relatives of the man detained.

HANKOW RAILWAY OBJECTIVE

Shanghai, To-day.
Belief that Hankow will be the next point of attack by the Japanese, is expressed in despatches received here to-day.

It is reported that preparations are being made by the Japanese for a further advance from the north along the Peiping-Hankow Railway.

A despatch through Chinese sources states that the attack on Hankow would probably begin about the end of the month.

The same message states that it was more than likely that the Japanese would also attempt to seize the Canton-Hankow Railway by landing a large army somewhere in South China.

Indication that new events are brewing is strengthened by the fact that thousands of Japanese troops have boarded transports at Shanghai.

SIMULTANEOUS ATTACKS

One theory is that, although the Japanese hitherto have concentrated on one front at a time, they may now seek to launch several simultaneous attacks in various parts of the country.

The Japanese evidently believe this is possible, because they do not expect to find such strenuous resistance as they encountered in the Shanghai-Nanking area in the past four months.

Nanchang, the capital of Kiangsi, seems to come into the field of Japanese military vision, judging from repeated air raids there, but the strategical problems facing the Japanese are more complex than ever due to the vast areas to be covered and to the great length of their front.—Reuter.

TENSE EXPECTANCY

Hankow, To-day.
An atmosphere of tense expectancy prevails here as the next Japanese step is awaited.

Continual zooming overhead of newly-arrived Soviet planes, as well as knowledge that the city is strongly defended by anti-aircraft batteries, appears to have given the Chinese population a feeling of confidence.

Nevertheless, Japanese air raids are expected at any moment, and dugouts and other precautions are being feverishly pushed forward.

CHINESE DETERMINED

Meanwhile, Chinese officials here

CHUNG SHAN DUE AT 1 P.M.

Shanghai, To-day.
A regular air service between Hong Kong and Chungking has been inaugurated by the China National Aviation Corporation, according to a Japanese despatch from Hong Kong.—Reuter.

The first plane, the Chung Shan, is due at Kai Tak at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

JAPANESE WARSHIPS IN LOCAL WATERS

Canton, To-day.
It is officially reported here that Japanese warships were in British waters in Mirs Bay a few days ago, according to reports received from Government agents along that part of the coast.

There were, however, no aircraft carriers in the vicinity. A large cruiser, carrying three flying boats, was apparently mistaken for an aircraft carrier.—Our Own Correspondent.

SHELL KILLS GRASS CUTTER IN TERRITORIES

It was revealed this morning that a 45-year old grass cutter, Ching Yuk, of Ma Tin Village, New Territories, has been killed in the New Territories by shrapnel from a shell fired by the Royal Artillery, in the vicinity of Tai Lam Village.

The shell exploded near the man while he was cutting grass in a prohibited area.

The body is now lying in the Kowloon Mortuary.—Reuter.

Don't be vague — ask for Haig



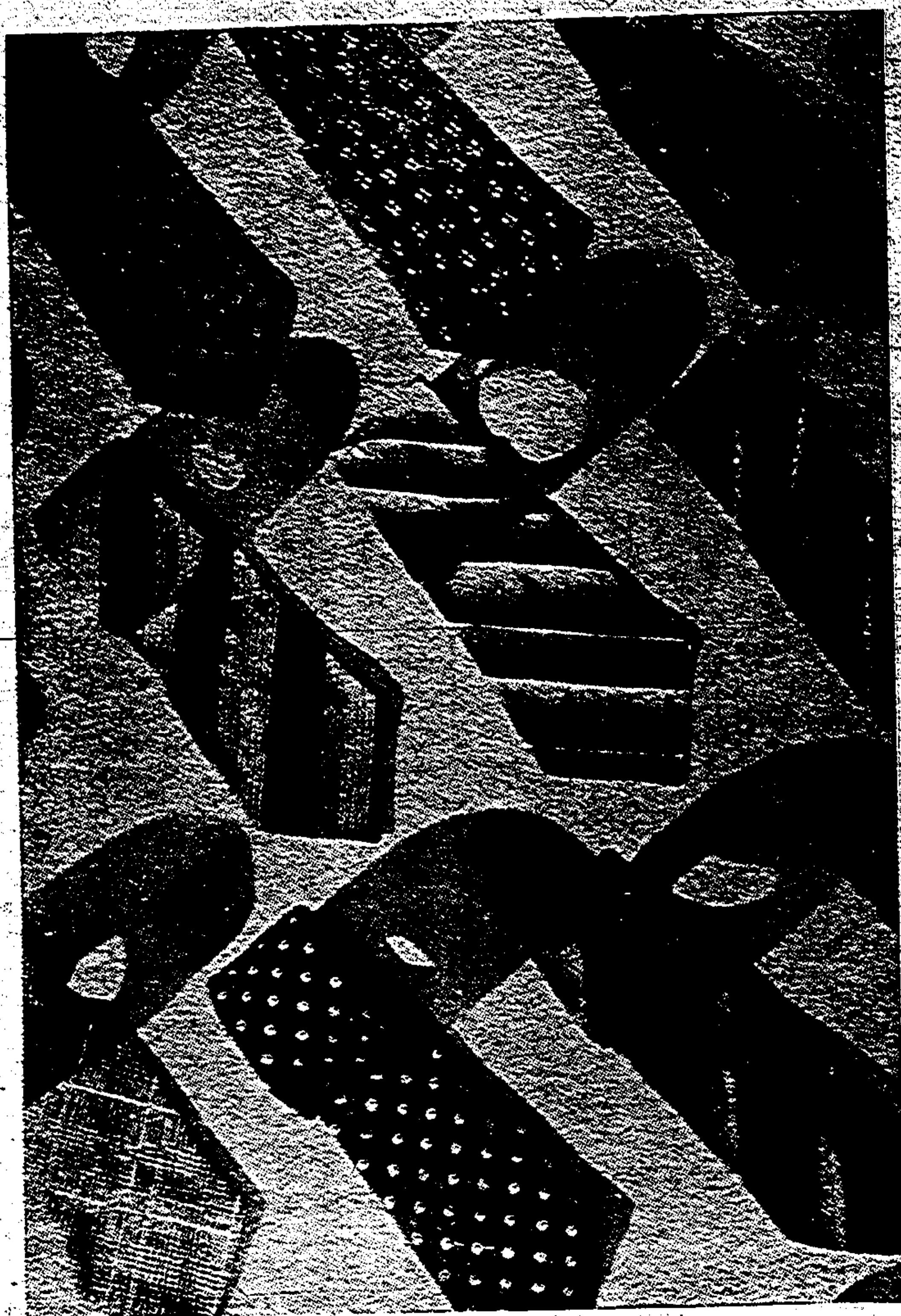
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AMERICA BUYING

Interesting Move On London Market

London, To-day.

FOR the first time in several years, America, after the official fixing of the price of silver on the London market yesterday, asked for offers for forward silver to be made to her, and later sent over buying orders.

BROKERS ARE SOMEWHAT AT A LOSS TO UNDERSTAND WHY AMERICA SUDDENLY TURNED BUYER OF FORWARD.

SOME SUGGEST THE MOVE WAS MOTIVATED BY THE EXTREME DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING CASH SILVER AS MOST OF THE LONDON STOCKS ARE NOW HELD AGAINST PREVIOUS CONTRACTS.

General opinion is that the step will do much to restore equilibrium of the market.

Although there has recently been a heavy volume of short selling, some market operators believe that this has not yet offset previous long interest, though should bears suddenly decide to cover, and long operators refuse to sell, an interesting position might arise owing to the scarcity of "free" stocks, especially as the total London stocks in the past week are estimated to have fallen from 6,000,000 to 4,000,000 ounces.—Reuter.

LONDON AND RECALL OF ADM. MITSUNAMI

London, To-day.

Recall of Rear-Admiral Teizo Mitsunami, Chief of Aerial Operations in China, to Tokyo, and the semi-official announcement that he will be relieved of his post, is regarded in London as a hopeful sign and a step in the right direction, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

At the same time, it is not possible to say how far this action will go towards meeting the British demands.

Reply to the British Note as a whole must be awaited.—Reuter.

MAN JUMPS INTO HARBOUR

A young unemployed Chinese, jumped into the harbour from the Yaumati ferry, Man Kim, at about 5.20 p.m. yesterday when the ferry was on its way to Kowloon. The ferry immediately stopped and Mr. Thomas Wong, of the Police Reserve personally directed the rescue.

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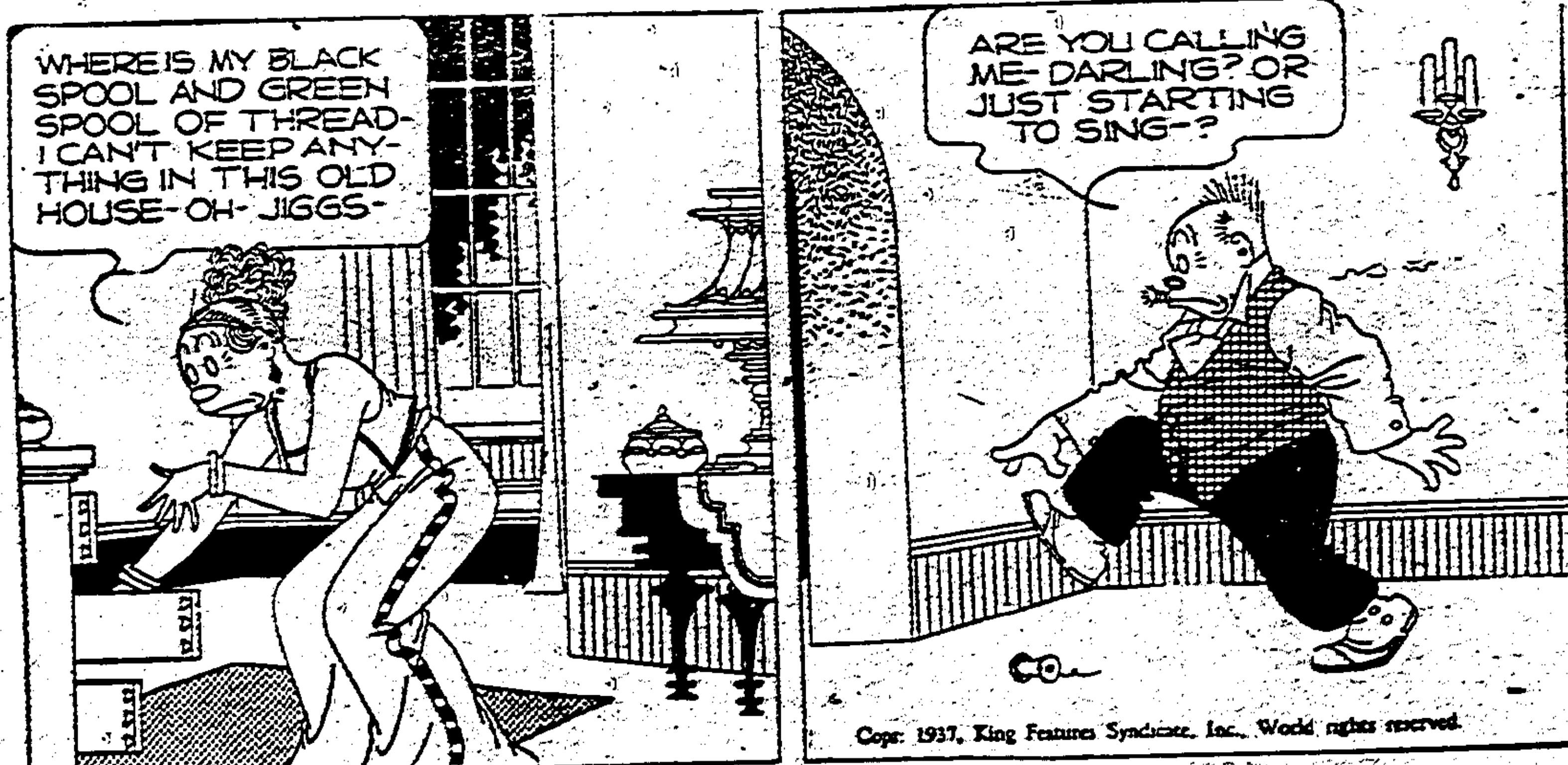
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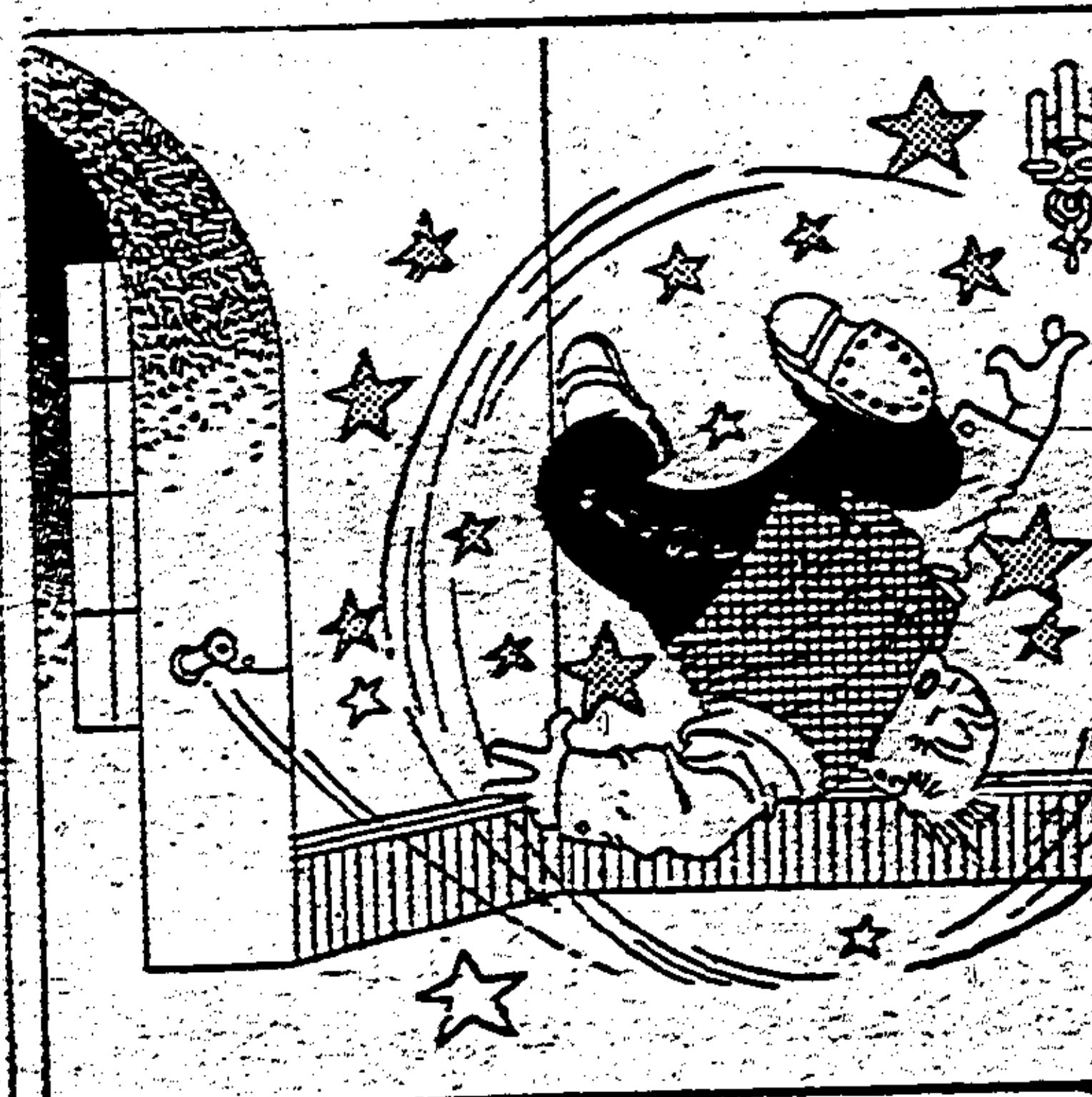
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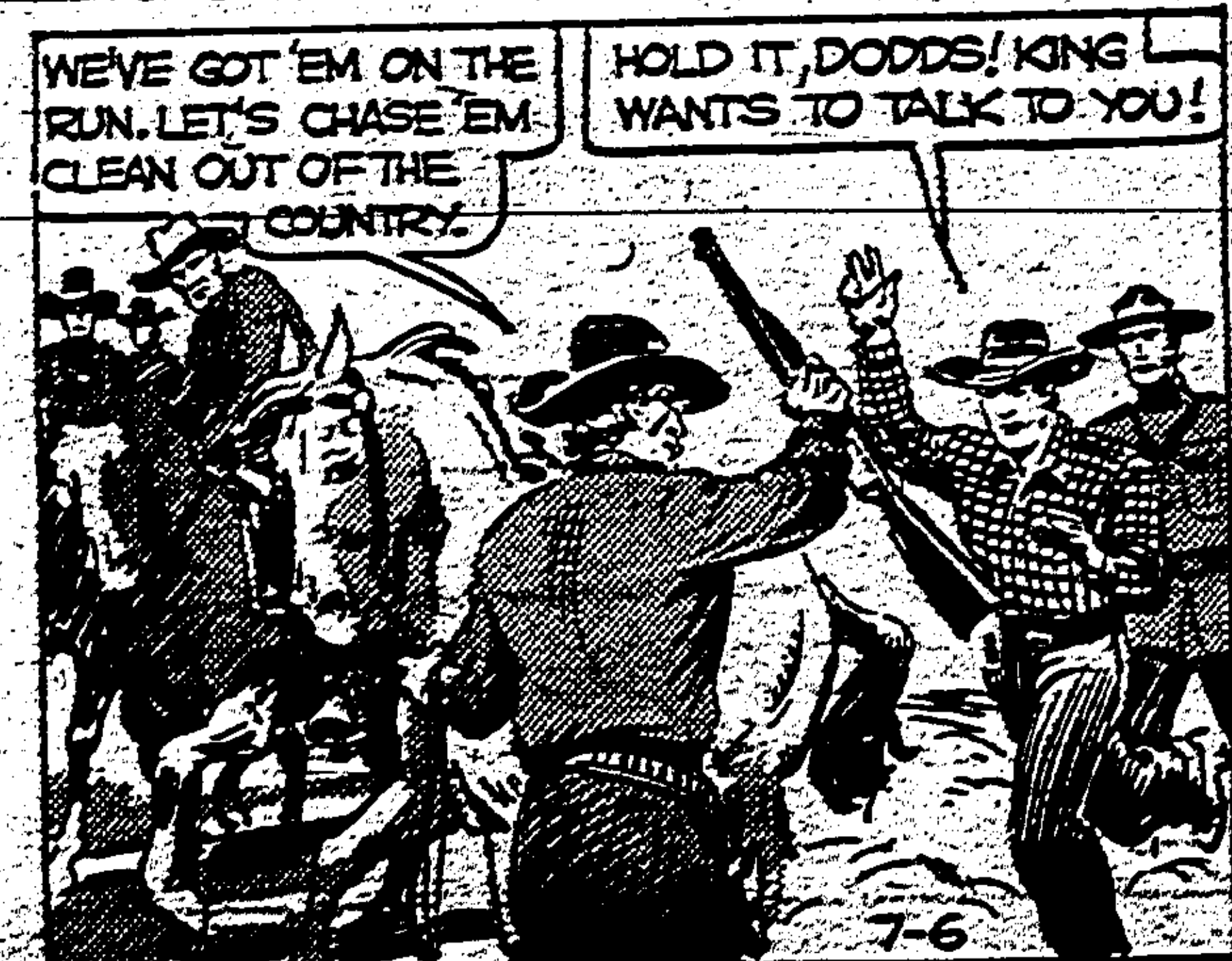


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FRIDAY SUPPLEMENT, DECEMBER 17, 1937

"SEA BOOTS"

AT sea, in hard weather, Don Cadworth rated as a man; in port he was only the *Boniface's* senior boy. Captain Dickley treated him as a naughty boy when he asked for shore-leave that New Year's Eve in Newcastle, N.S.W.

"You'll get no leave!" he growled, fastening a clean collar. "But—I've been asked to the Bronson's New Year party, sir," said Don passionately. "It's New Year's Eve, sir."

"No leave ashore to-night—definitely," the skipper snapped.

Don reflected that he had promised Dorothy Bronson he'd be at that jamboree if he had to swim to her house, three miles from the anchored "*Boniface*." A girl like Dorothy went to a man's head. For two rotten rope-yarns, he thought, he'd desert the windjammer, letting his three and a half years' sea-time go into the bag. Had anyone accused Don of suffering from aggravated calf-love he would have stripped to the waist and fought it out; but he was so suffering.

"But, sir—" he began, New Year's Eve, and the ship due to sail the following day. Four months' of a passage to follow—in bad weather most of the way. And Dorothy had told him what their New Year parties were like—ah! Good food, fun and lashings of steaming punch. Kisses in secret on the verandah, like as not. A riot of a time.

"Clear out!" barked Dickley. "If I let the boys go the deck-hands will expect leave; and they'd all be blind-on at sailing-time."

What was the good of trying to explain that the senior boy, who'd stood a 24-hour trick at the wheel when no two men could handle the labouring ship, rated as an officer? Who'd acted third mate when Mr. Prior broke his leg? Who'd worked overtime when the men went on strike? Don Cadworth. Who stood a chance of getting command as soon as he'd passed for master? Don Cadworth. And here he was being treated like a first-voyager!

"Rotten business!" he reported to Barry Barker, his next senior. "Who'd go to sea, anyhow? A filthy life!"

"Pretty poisonous," Barry admitted.

"The stinking tinker won't let me go to the Bronson's party. New Year's Eve—and we were at sea for Christmas. I'll desert. I'll get a job ashore."

"How would you get there?" the practical Barry asked. They gloomed moodily at the coal-crane on the distant wharves. The *Boniface* was three-parts laden, would perhaps fill up during the night, certainly early next morning. Dust, devilment and dreariness lay ahead of the ship once she cast off the towboat. The memory of that New Year party would lighten tedium.

"Barry," Don said solemnly, "I'd die for that girl."

"Dying wouldn't do any good. Let's go for-ard, it'll bring her closer." The windjammer's bow was three hundred feet nearer to the Bronson's house than her

stern. Showing up on the poop, Captain Dickley hailed a shore-boat. In a very definite voice he said to the mate: "No one goes ashore, on any account, Mister."

"Ay, ay, sir."

"You may need to go under the crane in a hurry."

The shore-boat hooked to the gangway, the skipper descended. Don kicked at a ring-bolt until he hurt his toe.

"If I'd just a single dollar I'd chance it," he brooded and limped moodily for-ard. Ashore the New Year illuminations tantalised; occasional bursts of music sounded. Hogmannay means something to the New South Welsh, from the void below the leaning boys came a stealthy hiss. "Any feller want a lift ashore?" came softly through the splash of water.

"No one's allowed ashore," Don answered between cupped hands.

"Well, they hang folk for murder, if they're caught," the boatman tempted. "I'll land you for half a dollar, shipmate, and fetch you back after you've seen the girls."

"Haven't got half a dollar," Don fretted.

"I'm sprung, too; since we pawned our watches in Sydney—" mourned Barry. Don's sudden inspiration came like a flash: "I've got my seaboots!"

Now a windjammer sailor's seaboots are his sheet anchor to wind-ard, especially in hard weather when ice grows on the rigging and big water lashes aboard. But—

"How about seaboots—nearly new?" he questioned.

"It's a go," said the boatman. Barry protested that if the skipper twigged he'd give Don a bad discharge, which would prohibit him from sitting for second mate when the *Boniface* reached home.

"I'll chance it," was Don's reckless challenge. From aft the mate hailed: "You boys, there!" As Don replied: "Keep a gangway till the captain comes back," was the order. He added that he was turning in, in view of the

early start.

"That ties it!" said Barry.

"It's right up our street. You keep first gangway. See what I mean?" Protesting, Barry saw. For the mate's benefit, Don said loudly: "Well, I'll get a caulk and relieve at midnight," and dived into the half-deck, where he effected a quick change. He needed a hair cut—no money to spare for that. He had no clean collar, Barry's sea chest provided one; they were communal. He examined his seaboots—oh, good boots! Tight as a drum, they were, a gift from Dornak, the Finn, when he deserted; thigh-high, silky soft. But Dolly Bronson was worth any sacrifice; and this was New Year's Eve, when a man needed happiness. Who was scared to round the Horn

lounge and went in. He found himself face to face with Captain Dickley, who looked bigger than a four-master. Incredulity shaped on the skipper's face as he strangledly said:

"What in hell—Cadworth!"

"How nice," cooed Mrs. Bronson. "So glad, Don, after you said you couldn't come. Happy New Year. Aren't you well, dear boy?" Don ran a finger round Barry's collar, now a limp ruin.

"Get back aboard—pronto!" snapped Dickley. "I'll deal with you—"

Behold, before anyone could protest, there was Dolly, radiant in evening white, colour high eyes like sapphires, hugging the boy's arm, kissing his cheek!

"Ripping, Don!" she gurgled. "Happy New Year—you're just in time to congratulate me. Look!" She displayed a diamond-decorated third finger. "I'm just

Short Story

By Frank H. Shaw

barefooted, anyhow?

The boatman insisted on viewing the boots; he accepted them as security; and Don slid nimbly down the bows. He seriously meditated desertion, a runaway marriage with Dolly.

"I'll be shoving off back around eleven," he told the waterman.

"By rights these boots shouldn't cover the trip back."

"You stinking larrikin! You be here at eleven or I'll get the gang to see to you." Don was ashore—his own master for three price-less hours. Music caused his feet to tingle. Music came from Dolly's home as he rang. New Year's Eve—time for good resolutions. He'd tell Dolly he loved her, ask her to wait a bit. She was in, the servant admitted, inviting him to enter. She commented on his appearance of heat.

"Sounds like a party," Don mopped a streaming face.

"Well, ain't it New Year?" the maid replied, grinning. Gaiety appeared to be everywhere. Don pushed open the door of the

engaged." Don's mouth gaped open, he drooled a little.

"To Captain Dickley," Dolly elaborated. She took Don's hand and put it in Captain Dickley's astonished palm. Skippers and apprentice do not shake hands overmuch.

"I must go," gasped Don. "Oh—cripes!"

"Nonsense!" said Mrs. Bronson. "New Year's Eve, too! Captain Dickley—John—use your influence. I think it is so nice your senior boy should be here to congratulate you first of your crew."

"Oh—ideal," Dickley grated. "Did you bring the band and flags, Cadworth?"

"You two shipmates don't seem glad to meet," fussed Mrs. Bronson. The maid entered with a promising tray. "Everyone drink the health of the happy pair—in champagne."

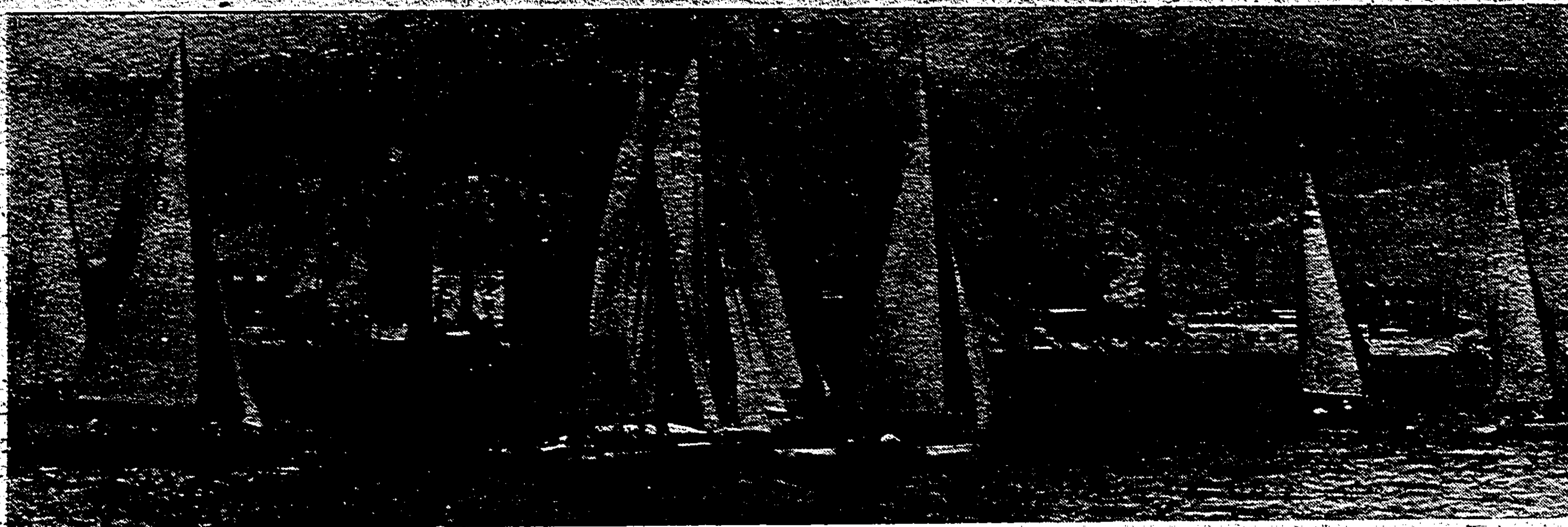
In Dickley's eyes Don saw a grim challenge. It seemed to threaten holy stoning in his watch below. Dolly sensed the

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They say that the early bird catches . . . something or other, but whatever it is, your favourite shop MAIZEE'S has certainly caught "it" in their early autumn arrivals. It is an exquisite collection created in that great fashion centre—Hollywood, for MAIZEE'S clientele, women who seek perfection in the art of personal presentation. Designed by a firm famous for correctness of style these frocks embody all the best features accepted by fashion leaders as the right things for the autumn. And you can be sure that their fitting-room smartness will last—because their materials match the quality of their styles.

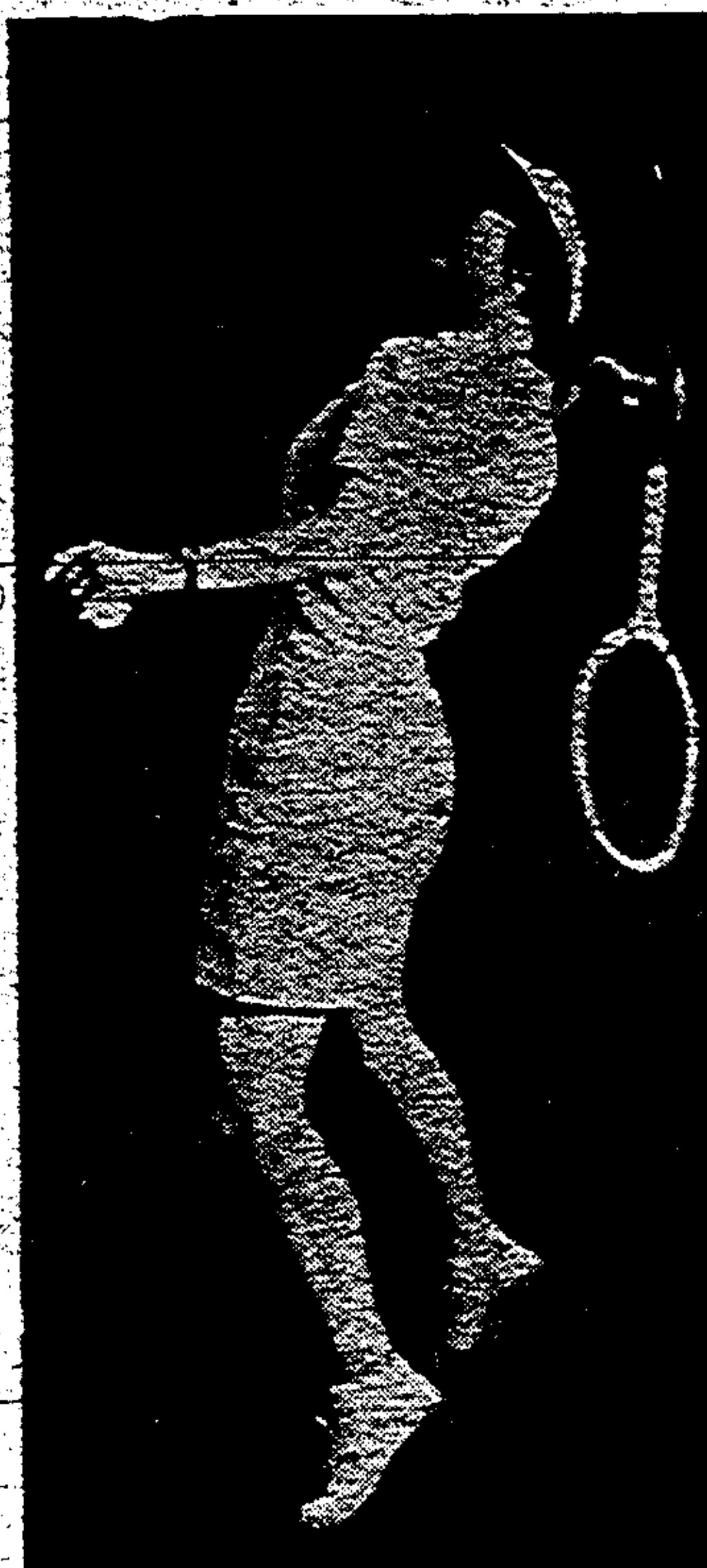
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(Above)—In full sail in Kowloon Bay during the yachting contest between the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club and the Royal Navy. ("Mail" photo).



One of the stalls at the C.R.C. Charity Fair. ("Mail" photo).



Snapped during the Championship finals at the U.S.R.C. ("Mail" photo).



(Top right)—Mrs. A. Oliver, who with Mrs. S. Mills lost to Mrs. Chiu Chiu-chiu and Miss Rose Perry in the finals of the Colony Ladies' Doubles Tennis Championship. ("Mail" photo).



(Left)—Refreshments at the U.S.R.C. during the finals of the Colony Ladies' Tennis Championship. ("Mail" photo).



(Right)—Miss Rose Perry in action at the U.S.R.C. ("Mail" photo).

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KOWLOON BRANCH, 178, NATHAN ROAD.



Group photo taken at the German Club after the wedding of Herr Max Springweiller and Fraulein Ruth Rau. (Ming Yuen).

CABBAGES AND KINGS

Little Boy: "Please, teacher, there aren't any pencils."
Teacher (correcting him): "There are no pencils; or, we have no pencils; or, they have no pencils."

"Little Boy: "Where are the blinking pencils, then?"

Flying Angel

Johnny: "Mum, have angels got wings?"

Mother: "Yes, dear; why?"

Johnny: "I heard Daddy call the servant an angel. Will she fly?"

Mother: "Yes, dear; first thing to-morrow morning!"

Top To Toe

First Actor: "I can't get my shoes on."

Second Actor: "What! Feet swollen, too?"

Joys Of Parenthood

Wife: "What do you suppose baby is thinking about?"

Brute: "I suppose he's thinking what to cry about to-night."

Easy To Tell

Married women wear wedding rings, says a correspondent, so why don't married men wear something to distinguish them from single ones? Our cynic says they do—that tell-tale worried look.

Round The Wurrld



Once upon a time there was a Scotsman who was fond of travel; but as he didn't like to spend his money he used to stay at home and just let his mind wander.

Gauze And Effect

The less we wear the longer we shall live, says a doctor. Well, there'll be a lot of very old women in Hong Kong in another generation.

Same Weapon

In some ways the modern man is very similar to the primitive man. If his women folk talk too much he goes to his club, while his ancestor just reached for it.

In Good Training

Counsel (to woman witness): "I hope I have not given you too much trouble with all these questions?"

Witness: "Not at all—I have a small boy aged six at home."

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Germans have been exhorted to chew their food longer for the sake of the national economy. But what if you're trying to cope with a very hot potato?

My Dear Watson

When you see two men in the front seat and two women in the back seat, you can rest assured that it is a married couples' outing.

In Hollywood

"Actors and actresses," says a writer, "have to move in the best circles." And also, of course, in the best triangles.

Lying Full Length

"What are you planning to do after you graduate?"

"I'm going to learn my dad's business from the ground up."

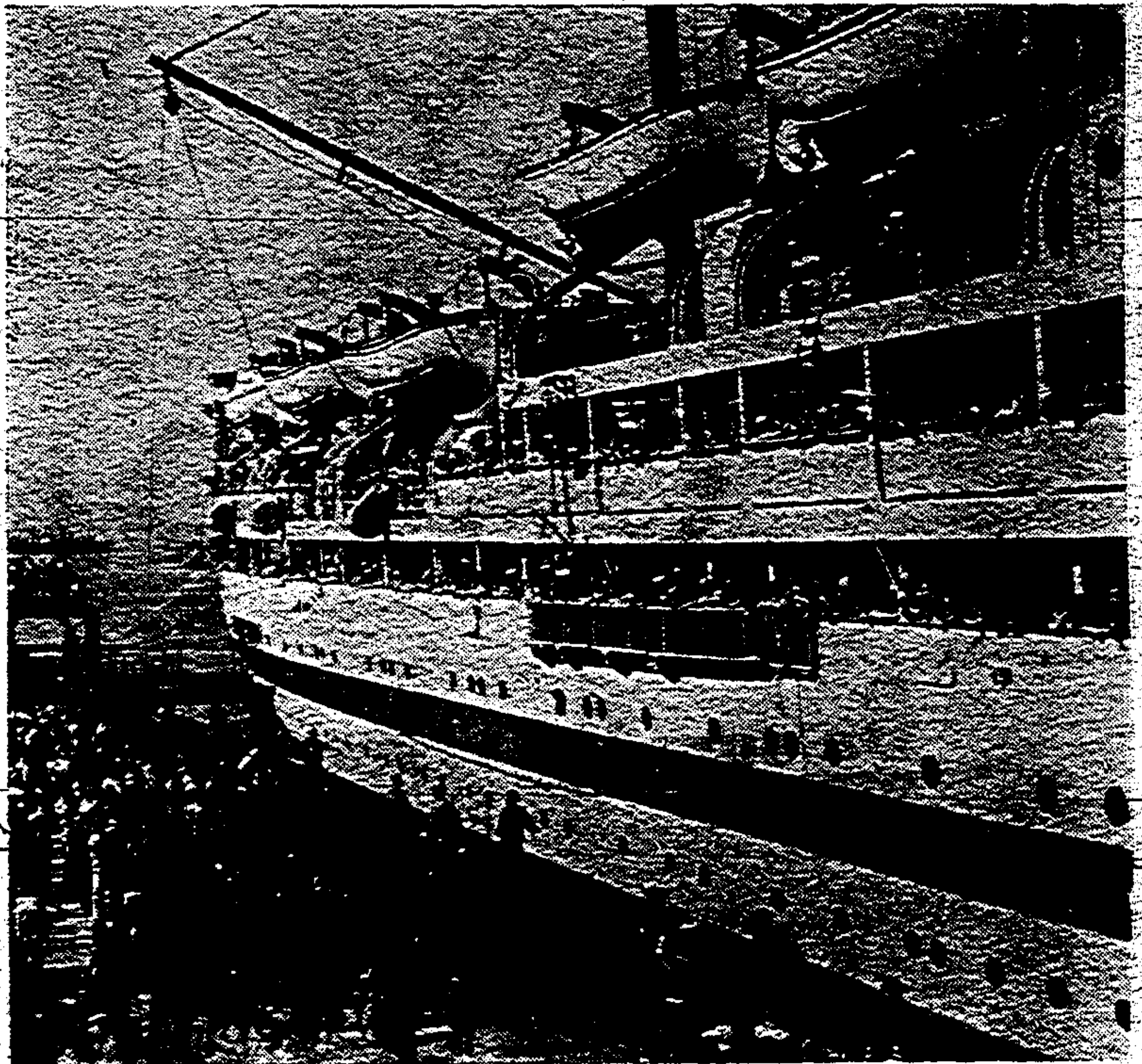
"I'm not going to work either."

Absent-minded

The professor who hid his head in his hands and forgot where he had put it.



Caught by the "Mail" photographer in the Tennis Championship finals at the U.S.R.C.



The scene at the wharf as the troopship "Dilwara" left for Home. ("Mail" photo).



The goalie reaches for a high one in last Sunday's match between Eastern and South China "A" at Causeway Bay. South China won 3-nil. ("Mail" photo).



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Bournemouth (2)
BRIGHTON (2)
Bristol R. (3)
CARDIFF (1)
CLAPTON O. (1)
Mansfield (-)
Northampton (3)
QUEEN'S
PARK R. (3)
Southend (2)
Torquay (0)
Walsall (2)

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ARSENAL (1)
Bolton (0)

Everton (2)
Sunderland (0)
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Blackpool

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Wednesday (-)
Fulham (1)
Plymouth (0)
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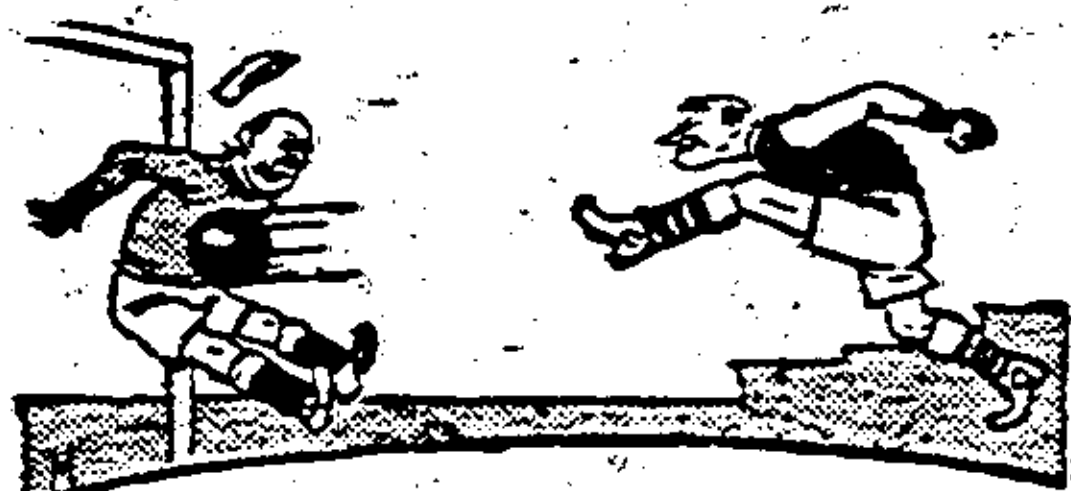
West Ham (-)
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Southampton (0)

Bradford (-)
Blackburn (1)

DIVISION (SOUTH)

Reading (1)
Millwall (2)
Bristol C. (1)
Crystal P. (1)
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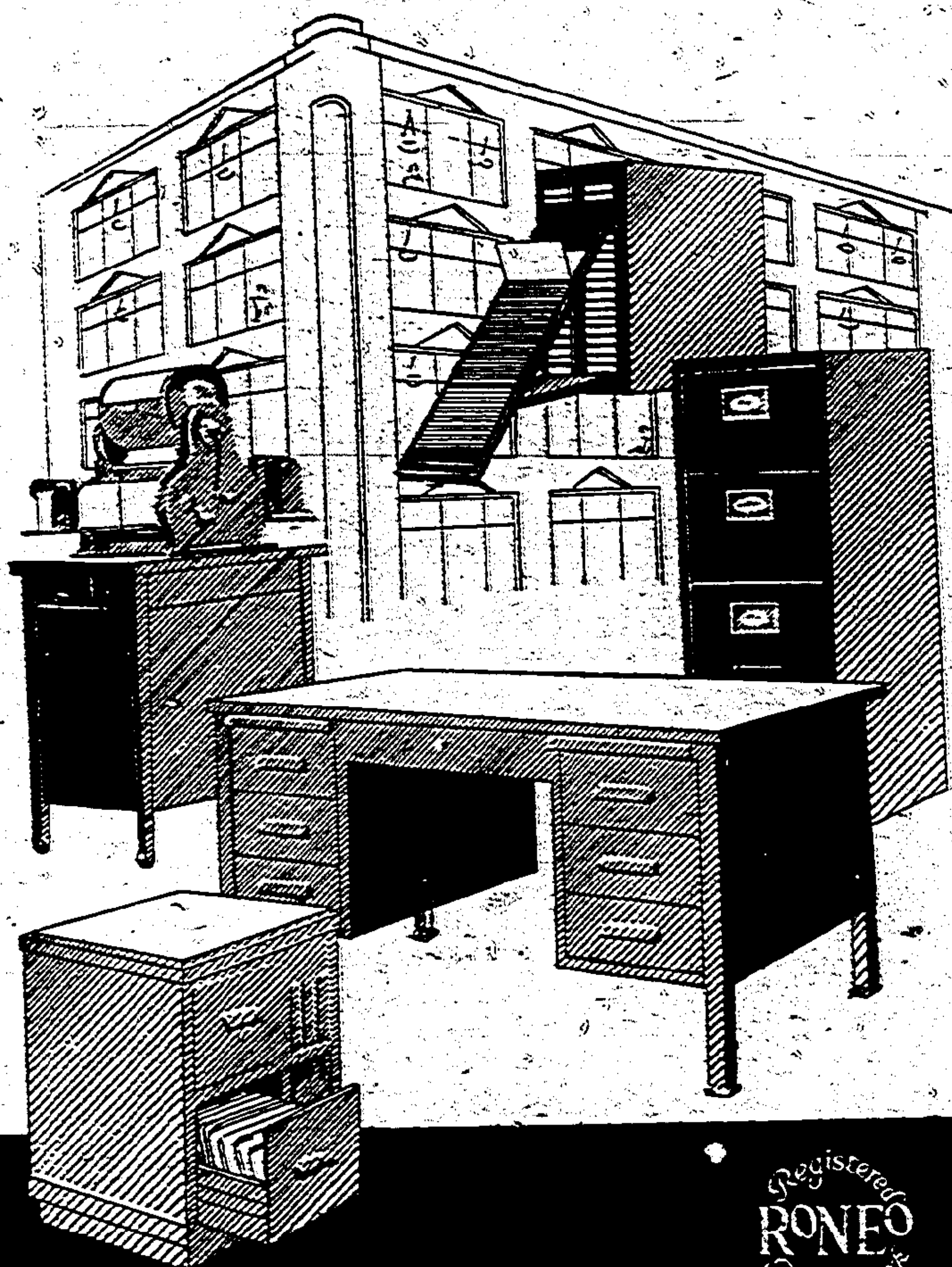
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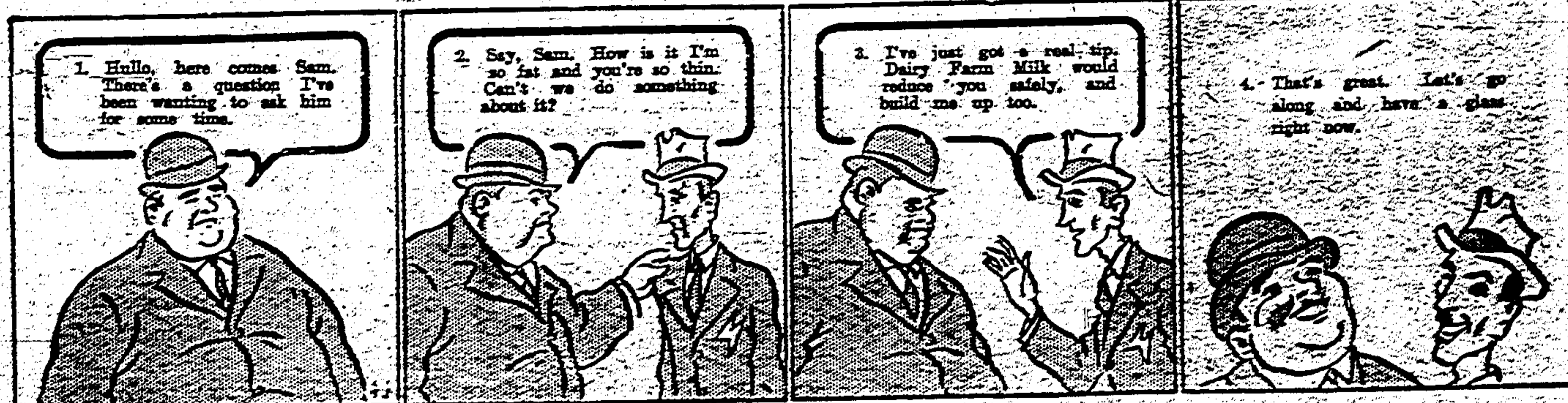
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An isosceles triangle is the best description of some of the new coats. And the colours defy description. An emerald green coat with lapin trimmings is worn with chamois-coloured gloves, bag, and hat.

Mainbocher uses sequins to fashion eye-brows and lips on all-over evening veils of black tulle, and again to fashion a gilet on a plain black frock.

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ADVENTURES OF A "DOUBLE SPY": A DON COSSACK'S AMAZING BOOK

COLONEL VICTOR K. KALE-DIN is a Don Cossack by birth, a cosmopolitan by upbringing, and an adventurer by instinct. During the Great War he served two masters—General Batiushin, chief of the Russian Secret Police and Major Karl von Lauenstein, Director of German Intelligence—and while you may privately accuse the gallant colonel of drawing an uncommonly long bow, it cannot be gainsaid that the adventures of this "double spy" make good reading.

The fact that his book, "K. 14-O. M. 66," was first published in 1934 and has just been re-issued by the Paternoster Library is proof enough of that.

No Hollywood director in his wildest dreams imagined anything quite as sensational as this

THE WELLSIAN ROBOT OF PICCADILLY CIRCUS

PICCADILLY CIRCUS, the "nightmare" of London's traffic, is being provided by a Liverpool firm with the most intricate system of traffic signals that has ever been made and the largest to be installed in Britain, writes the Liverpool correspondent of the "Manchester Guardian."

The interesting feature of this new system, which will bring traffic lights to the Circus for the first time, is its use of the "density control" principle, which enables the signals to be adjusted automatically according to the volume of traffic on each street converging on the Circus.

This automatic system, a replica of which has been tried and found efficient at Blackfriars, London, was tested recently before an inspector from the Ministry of Transport by the manufacturers.

The lights at the Circus have already been installed, and as soon as the approval of the Ministry of Transport is finally ob-

—and yet, there may have been more than a shadow of truth in it. Only the other day reports from Paris told of the strange disappearance of the White Russian General Miller and hinted at Secret Service plots and ramifications not unlike those mentioned in Colonel Kaledin's book.

It stands to reason, of course, that a man who sells false information to the enemy carries his life in his hands; to be a spy is bad enough, but to play a double game as Kaledin did must be infinitely worse.

A Lone Wolf

The price he paid for his deception was high—to ingratiate himself with the Germans he had first to undergo public degradation in St. Petersburg and to be thrown out of the Russian Army. Thereafter he could expect neither mercy from the Central Powers nor recognition by the Allies should chance betray him. He was a lone wolf.

This being the case, it may be true that the author spent seven weeks in hiding in the dreadful surroundings of a carrion pit. The story of a fantastic chase through the Ypsilantis sewers ending in a revolver duel may be fact after all, and so may the plot to blow up Balaclava lighthouse and lure Russian gunboats to their doom. True or not, "K. 14-O. M. 66" is an amazing book; once begun, you simply have to finish it.

There may be more to come. In his final paragraph Colonel Kaledin writes: "My later Intelligence work in Constantinople, Athens, Domodossolo, Palanza, Milan, Madrid, Paris and Lisbon is at present a closed book."

"All I can say is that I served a certain Power, and grappled not so much with espionage and counter-espionage as with post-war underground diplomacy and its grim secrets."

tained the controls will be sent there and the circuits connected.

Three Key Points

There are 19 separate signals in the circus itself and another 19 in the vicinity, all operated by seven controls, of which three are at key points—at Shaftesbury-avenue, at Regent-street and beside the Criterion Theatre. It is at these key points that "density control" will operate.

These controls will be sensitive to the volume of traffic as measured by the interval between each vehicle crossing the control pad. If, for instance, this interval should exceed one second the control automatically switches over to a faster tempo and thus shortens the total time for which the street is allowed the green or "go" light.

If the volume of traffic increases and the gap between the vehicles shortens, the original tempo is resumed. Hence the time allowed for traffic to proceed along one street varies logically with the volume of such traffic.

Clearly such variation of time on individual streets demands co-ordination, and this is provided by a "master control" situated near the Piccadilly (north side) entrance to the Underground station, which regulates with sinister omniscience the traffic passing all the 38 signals.

If meagre traffic results in a shortened "Go" period at a key point the master control automatically correlates the entire system, and when it receives the "Stop" signal some other point is automatically notified to go green and release its waiting traffic.

Round the Circus itself the way is permanently clear, except at a signal opposite the entrance to Shaftesbury-avenue, where traffic bound for Coventry-street may be held up. Here there is an infiltration arrow for Shaftesbury-avenue, so that it would be possible for a whimsical motorist to enter the Circus from the avenue, career round it and re-enter the avenue without encountering any hindrance from a signal.

To complete this amenity another infiltration arrow has been placed opposite the Piccadilly entrance to the Circus for the benefit of north and east-bound traffic. Pedestrians will be assured ten seconds' minimum crossing time in every hundred seconds at all the busy junctions.

The variation in the duration of each "Go" signal is between 10 to 15 seconds minimum and 50-seconds maximum, and when it is realised that it is not the number of vehicles crossing a control pad which decides the time at which, within these limits, the lights will change, but the regularity of the flow of traffic, it can be seen that the system may be guaranteed to work with mechanical justice.

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strain and remembered all Don had said to her. She gripped two hard arms, looking from face to face.

"What's wrong?" she chirped. "Haven't you heard, Don; you aren't sailing for another week, and we're marrying and I'm coming home in the ship?" Her eyes sparkled, hinting at fun.

"I pawned my seaboots to get ashore," the boy gasped. Suddenly the grimness left Dickley's teak-hard face; he clipped his girl around her trim waist, kissed her boisterously and laughed liked thunder.

"Drink your wine, Cadworth," he said. "How did you wangle it?"

"Over the bows on a line, sir—boatman standing by." Remembering how he had done the same thing, himself, not long before Dickley roared anew.

"Fine way to start a new year. Pawned your boots to do it, eh? You'll miss 'em in Sixty South. I'll bet."

"If you're angry with Don—" began Dolly.

"I only sneaked ashore to say—Happy New Year and goodbye. Dolly," gulped Don.

"This ring isn't so tight it won't come off," the girl said firmly.

"Hi—hello!" The skipper looked flabbergasted; a man the boy had thought omnipotent was crumbling like a paper bag!

"But he broke ship—without leave, against orders," said Dickley.

"You came to see me, Don, didn't you?" She was, he thought like a sympathetic angel. He nodded.

"That's excuse enough, John," said Dolly. Aboard his ship John Dickley might be lord paramount; in the Bronson house he was simply pliant wax. "Have some more champagne, Don; and if John doesn't let you stay, we'll go out and look at the moon together. It's a nice moon." Captain Dickley swallowed words.

"When you go back aboard, boy, tell the mate sailing orders are cancelled. We sail this day week."

"I made this cake, myself. Don," said Dolly.

* * *

"Women!" Don thought blackly. "Women!" He looked from the leech of the thundering topsail to the swinging compass card. "Aha!"

Bitterly cold for a barefooted boy at the jolting wheel! Spin-drift slashed his exposed shanks. Three able seamen had been kicked away from the helm that watch. Here was Don Cadworth, a man again, trusted to handle the ship in her furies. In between the screaming squalls the finkle of the cabin piano reached Don's ears. That piano was a wedding gift, of course.

"Women—by gum!" he ground through chattering teeth.

For a woman's sake he had risked his future. But Dolly had seen there were no reprisals. The nerve of the woman! All the time spooning with old man Dickley, yet making Don think she was his girl! True, she had explained that, being fond of the skipper, she was naturally warm-hearted to all his crew. Women could explain anything and make you believe they meant it! Women!

Blisteringly cold it was! and a barefoot passage round Cape Horn promised. Ugh! Captain Dickley had closed the slop-chest, no new sea-boots were forthcoming. Even if the old man had invited the half-deck gang to the wedding and ensuing festivities, he hadn't forgiven Don's dereliction of duty. It was, of course, Dolly who had persuaded the captain to allow the boys to attend the function. And there was Dolly, trifier with great emotions, snug and warm in the cuddy, with her piano, and here was he, who had risked his future and sacrificed three months' comfort, freezing stiff at the blasted wheel!

No more women for him, Don swore viciously. This was what New Year had brought him! You knew where you were with a ship, though—he'd stick to ships, and ignore women. If he stuck to his job and got his job and got his tickets quickly, he could persuade his father, the shipowner, to give him command of a full-powered steamship, and that would make Captain Blithering Dickley feel sick, him commanding only a windbag. It would make Dolly feel sick, too, when she saw what she might have married.

Captain Dickley came to the poop, snuz in weather-tight oilskins and thigh-boots, balancing easily beside the binnacle. He grunted into his slicker collar.

"A bit nippy up here, what!" Don sensed triumph in his crisp voice.

"Might be worse, sir."

"Here! Put 'em on, Cadworth." The skipper suddenly lugged something from under his coat, pushed it into the boy's numb hand. "She's knitted you a pair of socks, young'un. Give me the wheel a minute; nip into the chart-room. You might find some hot coffee—with milk in it."

But there was more than socks. Don satisfied himself of this munificence incredulously. Here were his own priceless seaboots, legacy of a Finn who knew what seaboots were.

"Oh, sir—oh, my gosh!"

"Well, well—it wasn't so hard to get 'em back, youngster. Mrs.—my wife—er—Dolly—she found out. I choked that boatman off, too. Right—I've got her. Don't be gone too long."

Don squatted in the companion-way to pull on fine long socks and those comforting boots. He slithered down the stair and knocked at the door of a saloon that was bright and snug. Dorothy Dickley smiled a welcome at him, and the coffee was nectar.

"Shall I play you some of those songs you used to like such a lot?" she asked, returning to the piano.

"I'll have to relieve the old man at the wheel; she's taking a bit of handling," he said. "Thanks a lot, Dol—Mrs. Dickley. Especially for these seaboots—gosh, I'd hate to have lost 'em for good."

"It was John's idea, Don; he thought it all out. More coffee?"

Don went back to the wheel, feeling manhood thrill him as he gripped the kicking spokes.

"All right now, Cadworth?" asked the skipper.

"I've got her, sir."

"She's steering wild; took me all my time to handle her."

That was all; but from Captain Dickley it was high praise.



"And you can explain in your paper to-morrow that I was thrown out of a saloon car—not bar!"

Not a bad old stick, the skipper, Don thought, eyes moving from topsail leech to compass-card. But wasn't he a bit soft to prefer that over-hot cabin to the stinging caress of flying sprays? There he was, civing below again, when to stay on deck to watch the ship flaunt her lively length through big, white water was like getting a swig of un-

watered rum—exhilarating. And Dolly was all right—a nice woman, but a bit old, when you come to think of it—twenty-one at the least!

"I reckon I'll ask the pater to give old Dickley a decent ship when we get home," Don mused. "Golly-gosh, it's a good thing I didn't skip ship, they'd have been in a mess but for me!"



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To incidents that would not in a better world occur.

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O nothing riles us quicker than when other countries try

The very stunts that we ourselves persistently apply!

LUCIO.

THE ROAD TO INDIA

THE more I read of contemporary criticism, and particularly literary criticism, the less I believe it. And when I use the word "contemporary" in this connection I use it of time rather than of place. I don't know whether in the dim, dead days of virtuous Victoria and Edwardian Edward current literary criticism was really any more direct than it is now, but it seems, for the moment anyway, to lack a certain sincerity. Wheels within wheels and all that sort of thing.

Take Paul Morand's new book, "The Road to India" (Hodder and Stoughton), for instance. I saw this most airily dismissed by a prominent London weekly review the other day and yet when I got

the book and had a look at it for myself I found it full of interest. Of course, I may be wrong and the prominent London weekly review may be right, but I'm inclined to back my own opinion. Which, of course, is the least one can do if one has any opinion at all.

"The Road to India" is in a way, a travel book, but it is also very much more than that. Travel for travel's sake can be the most boring thing under the sun or moon, but to travel for ideas is a very different matter. And Paul Morand travels with and for ideas. Most professional travellers seem to rush about with no particular ideas at all.

Oh, Cursed Spite!

His book is inclined to be disappointed, but as he deals with present-day affairs in Europe and towards the Orient he might very well reply that the times themselves are out of joint and suggest that he is the last person in the world who would attempt to set them right. He describes what he sees and thinks what he chooses.

Chaos seems to have come again and the chaotic conditions of to-day are reflected in his account of his wanderings through the Near East and the Orient. Every port was crowded with men-of-war and merchant vessels were being forced to lie idle owing to the breakdown of our system of distribution.

As many highways lead to India, he writes, as there are branches of human activities, and his wish, in isolating the dominating factors of this world road, was to emphasise how it has persisted for centuries and to describe the destiny inherent in its course. Passing events have little meaning in the Orient, while in the West they may easily have too much. He draws an effective contrast and implies an important moral.

A Touch Of Reality

The Orient reflects eternity, and centuries are as a moment to those territories which have known thousands of conquerors. But the West and we of the West are narrower in our outlook and have less comprehension of the eternal.

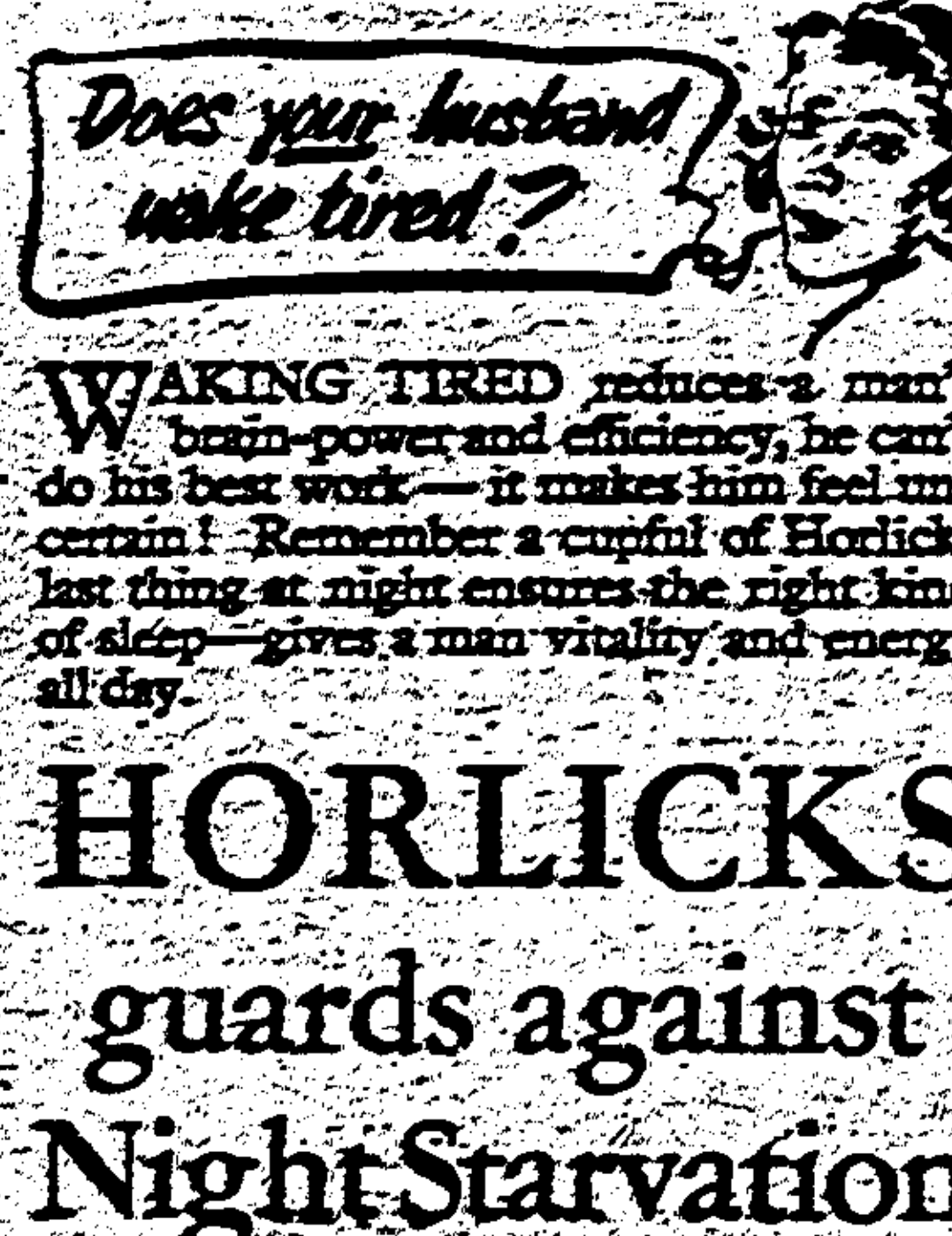
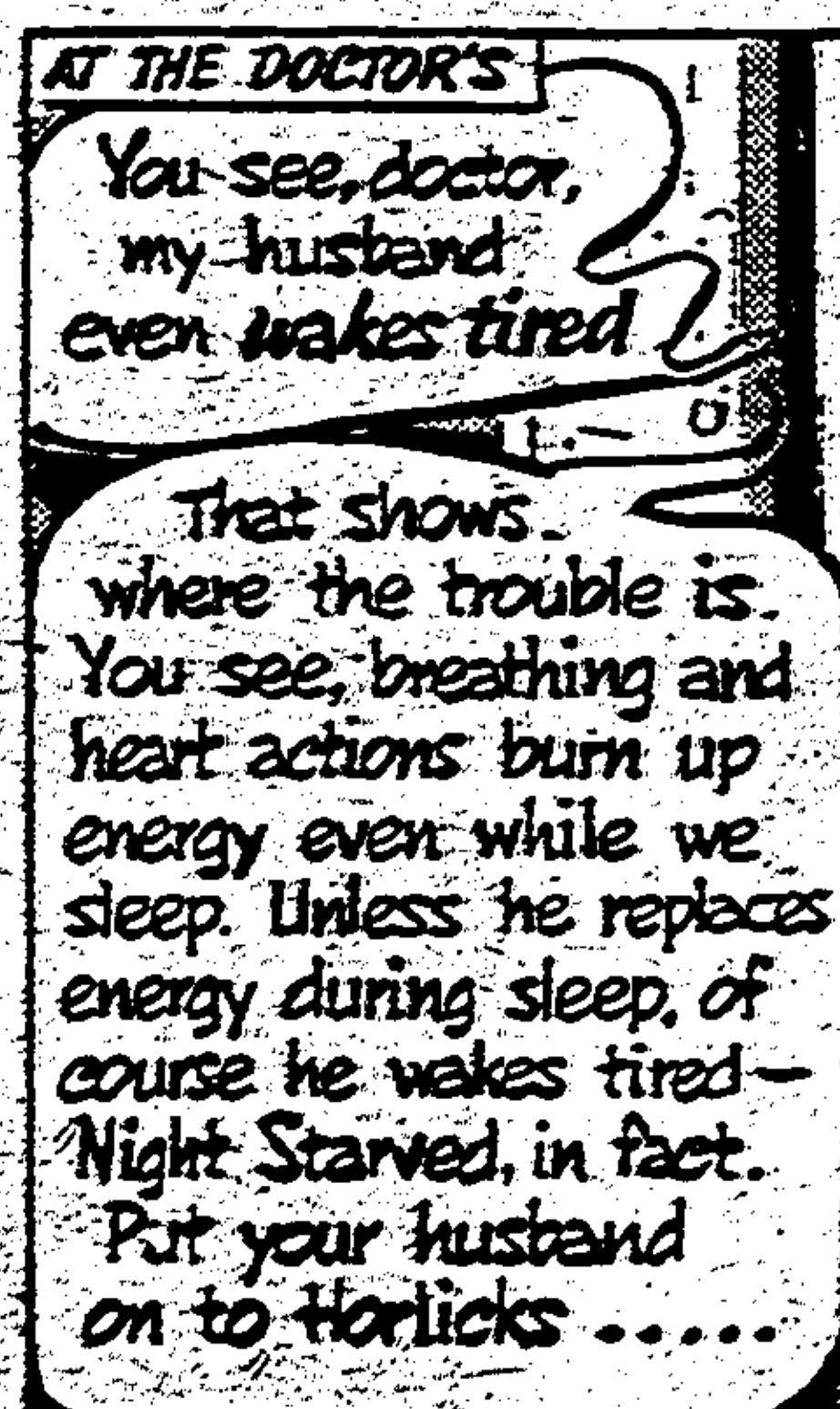
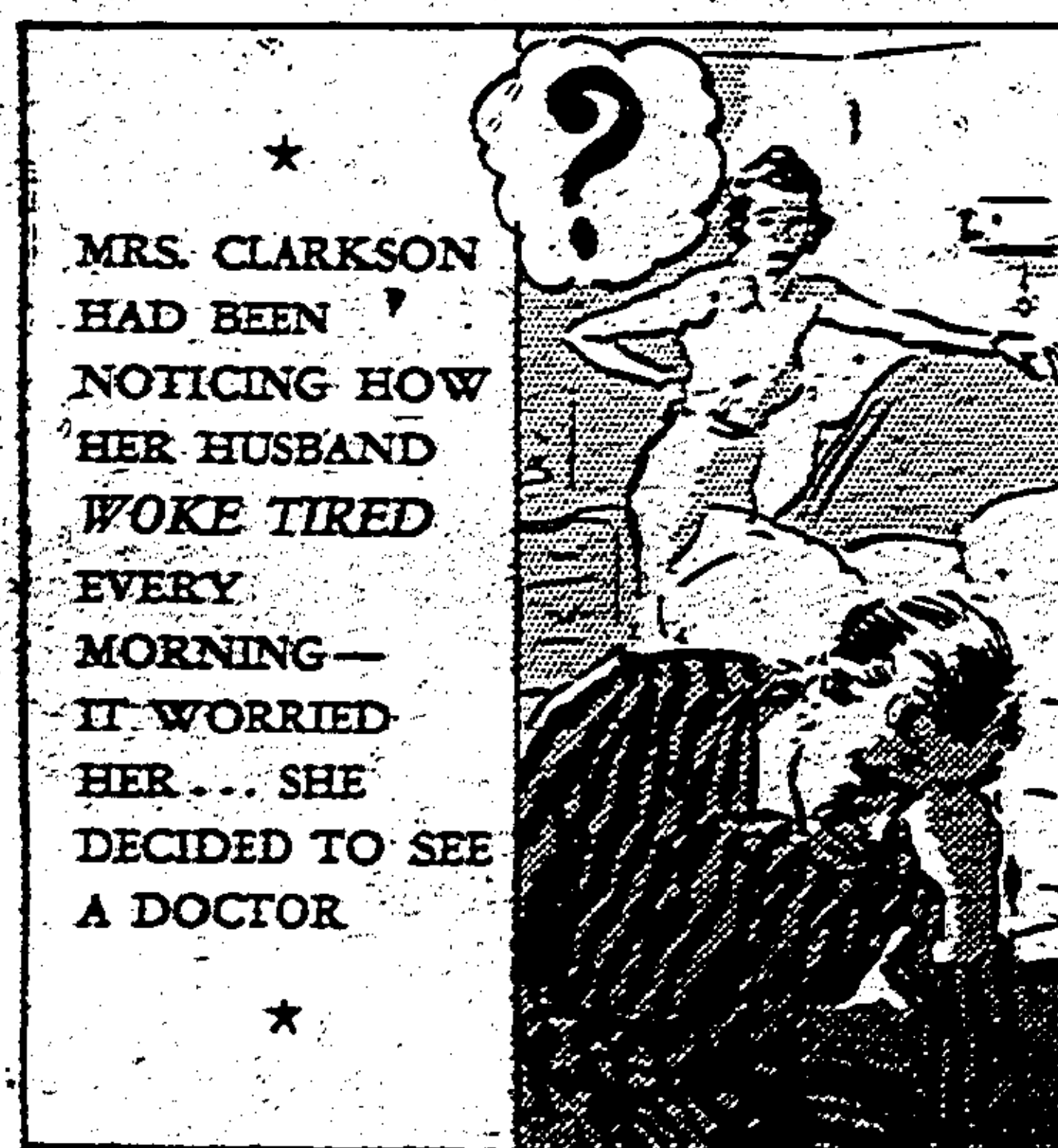
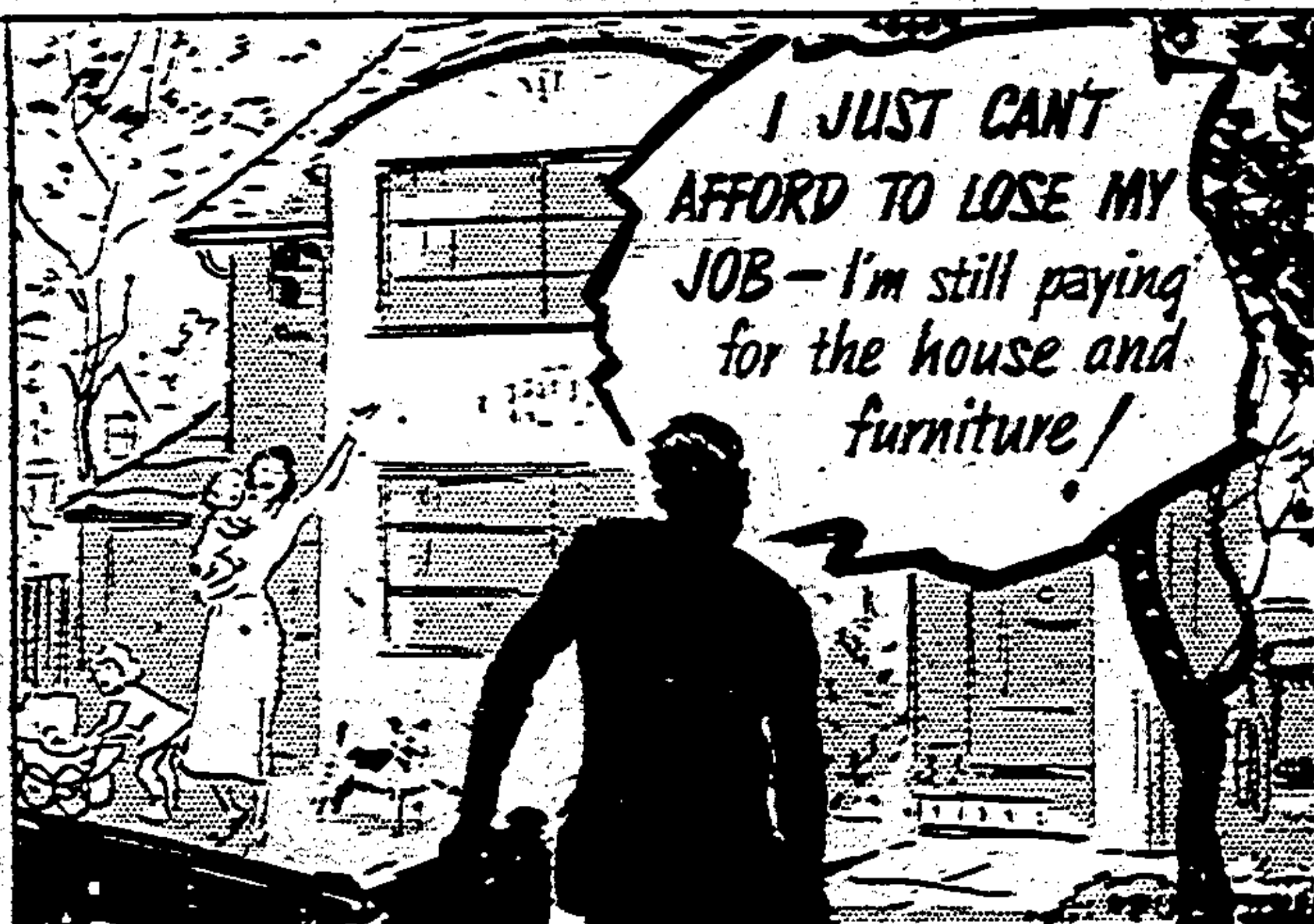
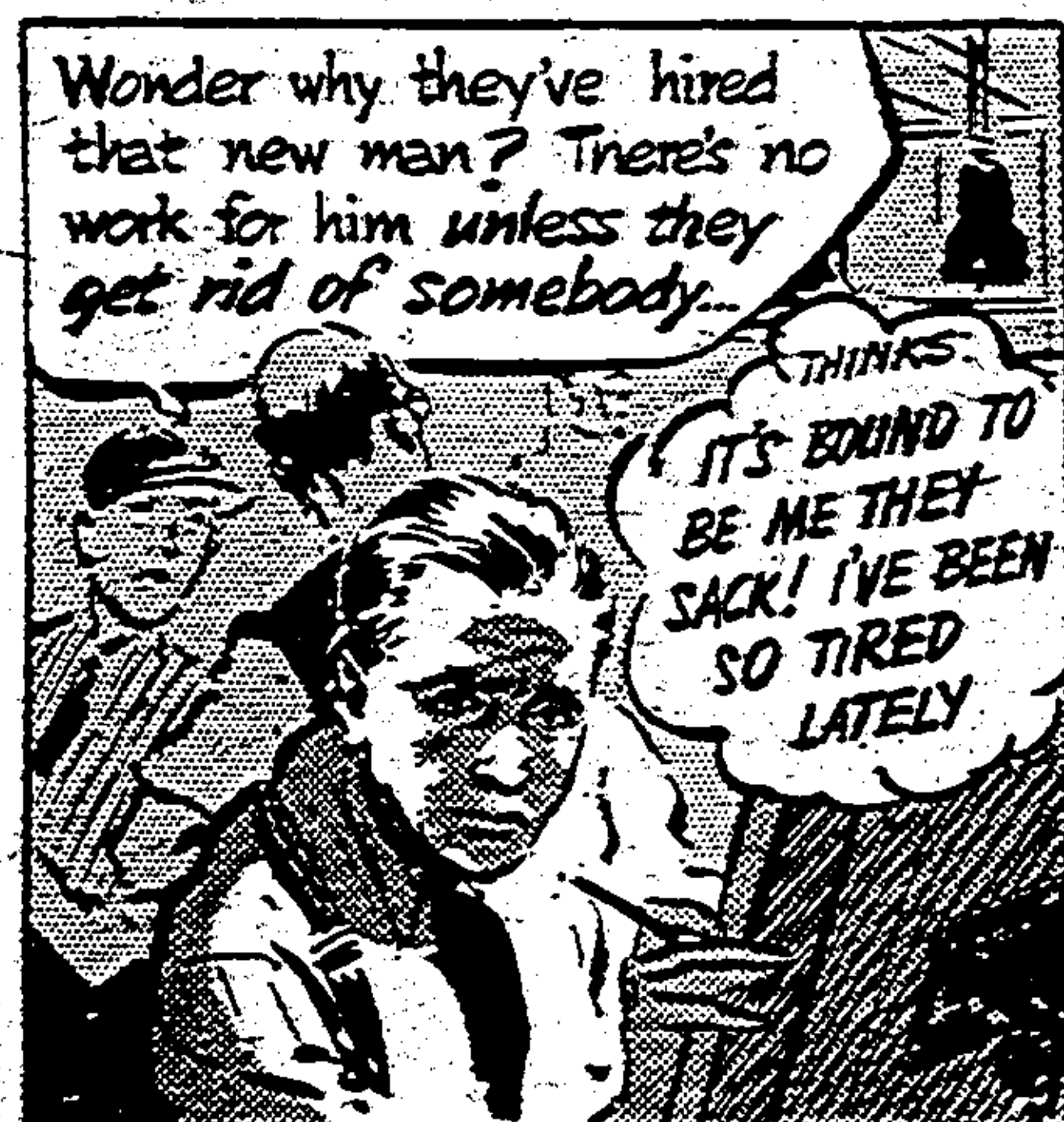
We are more likely to be interested by the following conversation related by M. Morand: "Last summer I visited a petrol king. Half smiling, this calm and yet passionate man made several relentless remarks, quoting treaties and secret agreements. I wish to mention only one of his utterances:

"France," said the Trust King, "has a large army which is entirely mechanised. Well, when the critical moment comes, you will have enough petrol to last you exactly two weeks."

"This means," continues M. Morand, "that in case of war, without the domination of the high seas, that is, to say, without the alliance with England, our modern armaments would be as useless as a heap of old iron."

"The Road to India" is full of such uncomfortable jerks of reality, and as it is written by a poet, the reality becomes the more disturbing. It seems to me that M. Morand has written rather an important book, in spite of the prominent London weekly review which I have already mentioned.

He dared not tell his wife!



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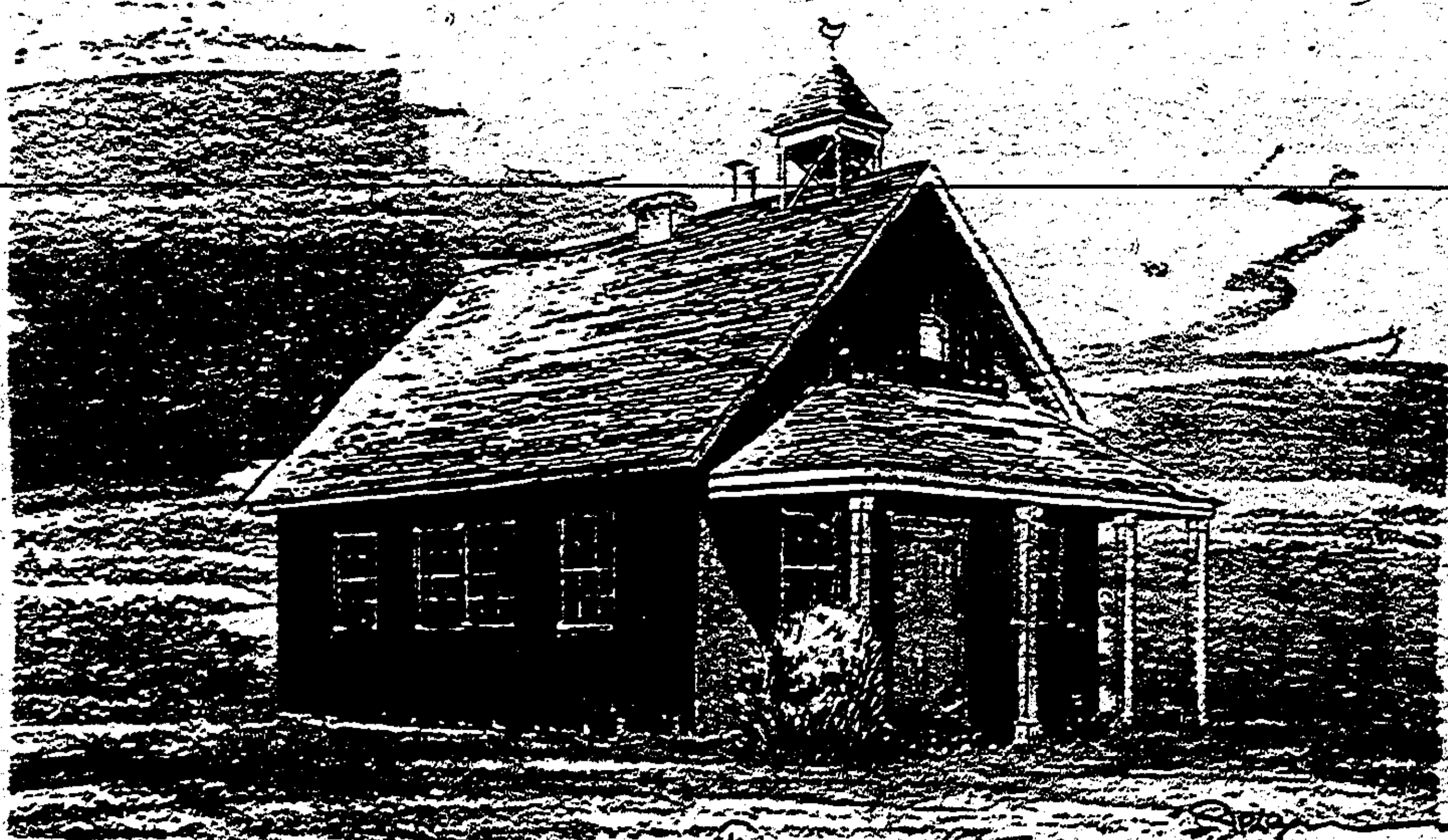


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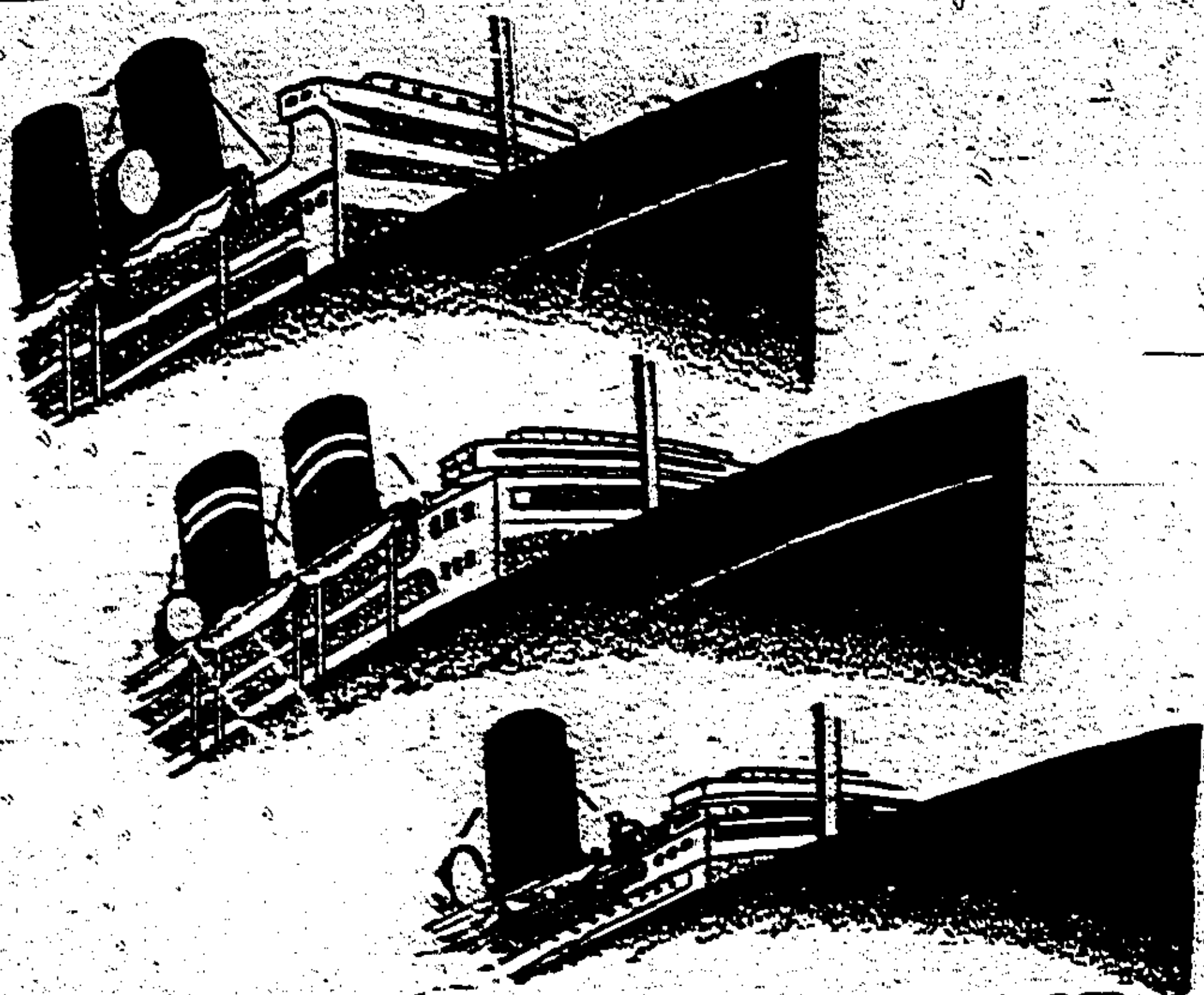
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Java	Tjisaroea	December 18.
Shanghai and Amoy	Kwangtung	December 18.
Shanghai	Victoria	December 18.
Straits	Anshun	December 19.
Manila	Pres. McKinley	December 19.
Amoy	Szechuen	December 19.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service" — San Francisco date, 8th December.	Pan-American Airways Plane	December 20.
Shanghai and Swatow	Luchow	December 20.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" — London date, 11th December.	Imperial Airways Plane	December 20.
Straits, Manila and London Parcels (London date, 11th November)	Memnon	December 21.
Calcutta and Straits	Sirdhana	December 21.

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For	Per	Date and Time
	Friday	
*Straits and Calcutta	Santhia	Fri. Dec. 17.
	Par.	Dec. 16. 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 17, 8.30 a.m.
Air Mail for North China, Sian and Eurasia Plane		Fri. Dec. 17.
Nanking (via Hankow) by the "Eurasia Airways Service" (To further points by surface transport as Services permit).	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Dec. 17, 9 a.m.
Batavia and Sourabaya	Reg.	Dec. 17, 9.30 a.m.
Manila, Australia, and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 28th December	Ord.	Dec. 17, 9.30 a.m.
	Tjisondari	Fri. Dec. 17.
	Change	G.P.O. and K.P.O.
	Parcels,	Dec. 17, 9 a.m.
	Reg.	Dec. 17, 9.45 a.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 17, 10.30 a.m.
Kongmoon & Pakhoi (via Kongmoon)	On Lee	Dec. 17, 10 a.m.
*Straits and *Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 14th January 1938 and London Parcels—due London, 20th January 1938.	Sarpedon	Fri. Dec. 17.
	Parcels,	G.P.O. and K.P.O.
	Reg.	Dec. 17, noon.
	Ord.	Dec. 17, 1.45 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 17, 2.30 p.m.
Formosa, Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Hakone Maru	Dec. 17, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles (Due Marseilles, 16th January, 1938).	Katori Maru	Fri. Dec. 17.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
	Reg.	Dec. 17, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 17, 5.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Wuchow, Kweilin, Kwei Yang and Chungking by the "C.N.A.C. Airways Direct Service"	C.N.A.C. Plane	Sat. Dec. 18.
	Kowloon P.O.	
	Reg.	Dec. 17, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 17, 5 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
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HIYE MARU	Saturday,	25th Dec.
HEIAN MARU	Saturday,	22nd Jan. (1938)

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INAKO MARU	Monday,	24th Jan. (1938)

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RAKUYO MARU	Wednesday,	12th Jan. (1938)

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KATORI MARU	Saturday,	18th Dec.
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YASUKUNI MARU	Friday,	14th Jan. (1938)

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DURBAN MARU	Monday,	10th Jan. (1938)
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KITANO MARU	Saturday,	22nd Jan. (1938)

BOMBAY

TOYAMA MARU	Monday,	27th Dec.
HAKODATE MARU	Monday,	10th Jan. (1938)

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon

RYUGU MARU	Saturday,	25th Dec.
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KOBE & YOKOHAMA (Omitting Shanghai).

HAKONE MARU	Friday,	17th Dec.
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	Rio de Janeiro Maru	Fri., 5th Feb.
MOMBASA, ZANZIBAR, DAR-ESS-SALAAM, BEIRA, LOURENCO MARQUES, DURBAN, ALGOA BAY, CAPE TOWN & SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS via Singapore & Colombo	Arizona Maru	Tues., 4th Jan. 1938
	Arabia Maru	Thurs., 4th Feb.
BOMBAY & KARACHI via Singapore, Penang and Colombo.		
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Belawan Deli & Rangoon		
JAPAN via Takao and Keelung.	Himalaya Maru	Tues., 11th Jan. 1938
	Manila Maru	Sat., 23rd Jan.
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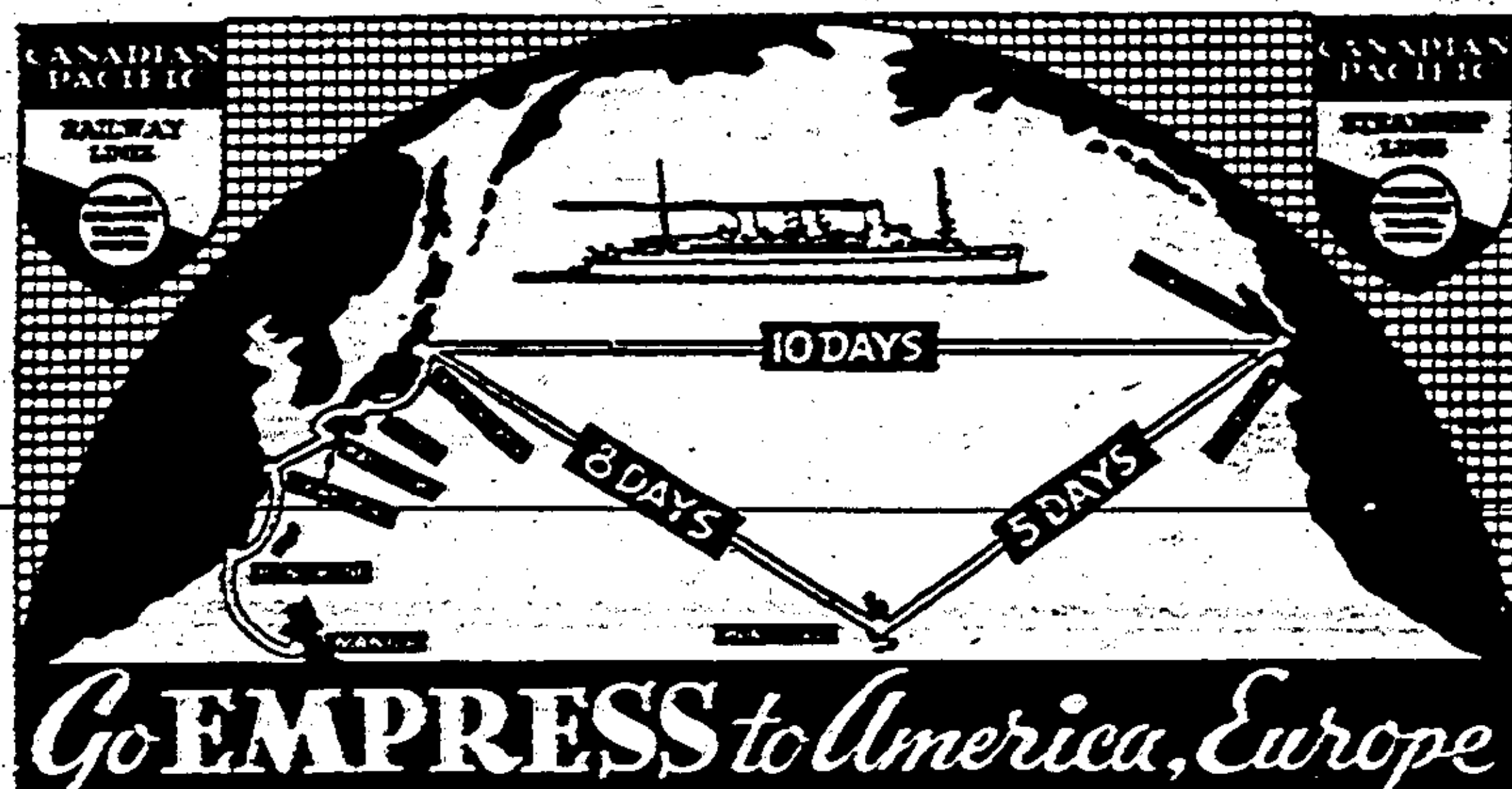
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Russia	Jan. 26	Jan. 28	Jan. 30	Feb. 1	Feb. 3	—	Feb. 12
Japan	Feb. 8	Feb. 10	—	Feb. 13	Feb. 15	Feb. 21	Feb. 26

RESUMPTION OF CALL AT SHANGHAI

Commencing with the Empress of Russia from Hong Kong January 26, 1938, Canadian Pacific "EMPRESSES" will call at Shanghai on the eastbound voyage.

The Empress of Asia from Vancouver will call at Shanghai on January 24th, en route to Hong Kong.

SAILING TO MANILA

Empress of Japan on January 14th.

Canadian Pacific

CANTON ICE CO.'S MEETING

At the annual meeting of shareholders of the Canton Ice Manufacturing Company held this morning, Mr. T. E. Pearce was in the chair, supported by Messrs. Ho Kom-tong, R. K. Valentine (Directors), J. D. Thomson (Secretary), A. Stevenson and W. L. Alexander.

The chairman, moving the adoption of the report and accounts said:

The chairman said:—You were informed from the Chair last year that the question of modernising the plant was one which would in the near future engage the consideration of your Board. In February last a scheme was submitted by the Makers of the plant, and from this it is evident that more economical running would follow modernisation. Your Directors, however, agreed that the outlook and prospects did not warrant adoption of the large scheme submitted, and it was decided to carry on as we are until such time as the demand for Ice in Canton is greater and more constant than was the case in the year under review. In view of what has since transpired in Canton the decision to conserve resources was at least a fortunate one and I trust you approve.

Our Plant is admittedly a little old fashioned but is nevertheless in sound condition and good for another 4 or 5 years.

I regret to report that sales of Ice during the year under review did not come up to expectation and that since the closing of our books, sales further dropped, due to the Cholera scare and to the present political situation.

If you will refer to the Profit and Loss Accounts you will see that the balance of working account amounts to \$16,578.22, some \$1,800.00 less than was the case last year. Actually, revenue on Ice sales and on Cold Storage was over \$6,500.00 down, but savings in all expense accounts were recorded so that the net balance was more favourable than it might have been.

FIXED ASSETS

You will observe that your fixed assets have been depreciated to the extent of \$14,120.35, the main item being \$10,375.35 on machinery and Ice Stores. This brings the book value of the Plant down to \$50,000.

Your Buildings have been kept in good repair and have been depreciated on the "life" basis decided upon last year.

With regard to your liquid assets, commencing with Accounts Receivable, you will note that the sum of \$20,000 has been loaned "on call" terms. Deposits, a new item in the accounts, are mainly accounted for by the requirements of the Power Administration. In addition to Accounts Receivable we have Stocks at \$3,426.22. On Fixed Deposit \$20,000. Investments—Land Investment Debentures—\$25,000. — Cash in Bank and in hand \$15,424.78, a total of \$94,705.45.

Your Directors have again waived their fees and had it not been for this, the accounts for the year would have shown a debit balance. As it is the credit amounts to only \$254.48 to which is to be added the sum of \$1,075.29 from last year. It is proposed to carry forward this sum.

I trust this has your approval. Mr. W. L. Alexander seconded the adoption of the report and accounts. Carried.

Messrs. T. E. Pearce and Ho Kom-

ITALY DESERTS I.L.O. TOO

Rome, To-day.

The Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, has notified the International Labour Office at Geneva that Italy is withdrawing her membership.—Reuter.

HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT

Elaborate Show At The Gripps

As usual for the holiday season the management of the Hong Kong Hotel provides unusual entertainment for their patrons. The feature attraction for the new show will be Signor Volsky and his famous "Midnight Follies," a group of seven talented artists who will make their first appearance in Hong Kong presenting their spectacular dance creations. They have marvellous costumes and wonderful novelty dances, superior to anything ever seen here before. The management is to be congratulated for securing for the holiday season such talented group of entertainers.

Owing to the great popularity attained by Szita and Anis, their engagement has been extended until the end of the year and they will appear nightly in conjunction with Volsky's "Midnight Follies." Szita and Anis are without exception the most pleasing and versatile artists ever to visit the Colony and no finer dancers have been seen at the Hong Kong Hotel. They excel in comedy numbers as well as in straight exhibition dancing and there is the best quality about everything they do, their prolonged engagement will be enjoyed by their many admirers.

On Christmas Eve and on New Year's Eve, Volsky's "Midnight Follies" together with Szita and Anis, will appear at both the Hong Kong and Peninsula hotels.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar this morning was 1/2%.

"Spot" silver was quoted at 18-11/16 and "forward" at 18-1/16.

The London on New York cross-rate was quoted at \$—U.S.\$4.9975 and the New York on London rate at \$—U.S.\$4.99-11/16.

Singapore Raw Rubber

Messrs. H. B. Joseph and Co., have received the following quotations in Straits Currency for Raw Rubber:

Jan/March 24-3/4 b. Up 3/4.
April/June 25 b. Up 3/4.
July/Sept. 25-1/4 b. Up 3/4.
Market: Steady.

Two cases of smallpox, one of diphtheria, one of dysentery and one of cerebro-spinal fever were reported to the local Health Authorities in the 24 hours ended at midnight on Thursday.

Mr. Ho Kom-tong were re-elected as directors, and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-appointed auditors.

COAL-TO-PETROL PLANT FOR SOUTH WALES

London, To-day.

The foundation stone was yesterday laid of the new works at Wern Tarw Colliery in the Vale of Glamorgan of the first oil-from-coal plant to be set up in special areas.

The Government and the Nuffield Trust have provided half the required capital of \$650,000 for works which by low temperature carbonisation will turn between 500 and 750 tons of coal a day into smokeless fuel, petroleum, oil, tar, acids and other by-products.

Wern Tarw, where a four-seams area is being worked, is being electrified and connected with the neighbouring Raglan Colliery which is to be re-opened after lying idle for four years. The two collieries and the new works will give employment when completed to several thousand men some of whom have been unemployed for many years.—British Wireless.

LONDON AND FOREIGN LOANS

London, To-day.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, replying to a Commons question, said he did not think the time had come for foreign Governments to be allowed to borrow freely in London.

Such proposals would continue to receive his careful attention in the light of the recommendations of the Foreign Transactions Advisory Committee.

Sir John Simon added that he was satisfied that there was no objection in the national interest to consent being given to the Belgian Loan. It was a financial operation not involving the purchase of goods here or elsewhere, but he understood that 20 per cent. of the proceeds of the loan might be spent in this country.—British Wireless.

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GOVERNMENT'S PERSIAN OIL DIVIDENDS

London, To-day.

Sir John Simon stated in the Commons that the total amount of interest and dividend received by the Government on its holdings of shares and debentures in the Anglo-Persian Oil Company since 1914 was \$15,989,354. No expenditure had been incurred in looking after this investment.—British Wireless.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:—

BANKS

Hong Kong (Lon. Reg.) \$91 b.
Mercantile Bk. A and B \$32½ b.
Mercantile Bk. A and C \$15 b.

SHIPPING

Douglases \$48½ b.
H. K. Steamboats \$8.10 b.
Shells (Bearer) s/- 97/6 b.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

China Lights (Old) C. R. \$11 b. \$11

China Lights (New) C. R. \$10.80 b.
Macao Electric \$19 b. \$19¼ s.
Sandakan Lights \$14½ b.

INDUSTRIALS

Cements \$12¼ s.

MISCELLANEOUS

China Lights Rights \$5 b. \$5 sa.

The forthcoming wedding of Mr. Samuel Bercovitch, engineer, residing at No. 66 (first floor), Nathan Road, and Miss Ida Brasilevsky, of No. 22, Hankow Road, has been announced to take place in the Colony shortly.

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(By "RAPIER")

THE Thirteenth Extra Race Meeting, to be held to-morrow at the Valley, will ring down the curtain on the 1937 racing season, held under the auspices of the Hong Kong Jockey Club. With the completion of to-morrow's meeting it will mean the end of another year of most enjoyable racing, and I anticipate that the keen interest which has been so manifest among racegoers during the past few meetings will again be in full evidence to-morrow, when a good attendance should turn out to witness what will probably be the best racing of the year.

IT IS LEARNED THAT MR. L. B. CHAO, WHO IS A WELL KNOWN JOCKEY IN TSINGTAO, HAS ARRIVED IN THE COLONY AND WILL PROBABLY BE RIDING PERFECT DAY TO-MORROW.

The three Autumn Champions will form the main attraction in a programme of eight events, and keen racing should result, although the inclement weather which has suddenly set in may prevent any fast times being recorded.

Added interest has been aroused over to-morrow's meeting, due to the uncertainty which still prevails as to who will have the honour of being champion jockey for 1937.

Messrs. D. Black and S. C. Liang are in the most favourable position, both having scored 22 wins, so that an extra win by either of them will make all the difference. Next comes Mr. H. C. Pih, who has 20 wins to his credit. It will be seen, therefore, that a very close race for honours will ensue. Mr. S. C. Liang is sure of scoring a win on Gordito, and probably has the best chance of coming out on top.

It has to be remembered, however, that in connection with the three Champions events, post entries are accepted, so that likely starters are not known. My comments are, therefore, based on the presumption that the ponies named will participate.

HONG KONG AUTUMN SUB-GRIFFINS CHAMPIONS — 1½ MILES.

The first race of the day is confined to Subscription Griffins of this season, winners only, and it would appear that a very small field will face the starter.

In view of the easy manner in which Gordito, which will again be ridden by Mr. S. C. Liang, walked away with the St. Leger, there is no shadow of doubt that it will be made hot favourite. Mr. Liang knows the capability of Gordito perfectly, and whilst I am prepared to give Coronation Day (Mr. S. W. Tang) a fighting chance, due to the shorter distance, I foresee another win for the former.

Shipmaster (Mr. D. Black), Tabby Cat (Mr. B. L. Tao) and Yum Sing (Mr. W. G. Poy) will probably be the other three starters. Shipmaster came second in the St. Leger, and there is no reason why it should not



Mr. D. Black, above, will be without a mount in the Queensland Autumn Champions event at to-morrow's 13th Extra, the last race meeting of the year, as a result of Strathroy being reported unfit.

LAGGARDS' HANDICAP:—ONE MILE.

This event is confined to Australian subscription ponies of any season that have started in at least one Extra Meeting, and have not won more than \$1000.00, while "C" Class ponies barred.

Ranger, which will be ridden by Mr. D. Black, has been given top-weight. Although this pony has not done anything remarkable in any of its outings, I think it should win, as the opposition does not seem to be strong enough to cause an upset, except perhaps through Snowy River (Mr. H. C. Pih), which is handicapped at 135 lbs. Australian Boy (Mr. B. L. Tao) should be placed, and Perfect Day (Mr. Chao) may also be worth following for a place.

THE HONG KONG AUTUMN CHAMPIONS:—1½ MILES.

For this classic event, I believe

that the Dunbar Stable will be represented by Wild Life (Mr. S. W. Tang) and Bear Claw (Mr. D. Black). Other entries will probably include King's Warden (Mr. S. C. Liang) and Soldier of Britain (Mr. H. C. Pih).

With such formidable opposition in this race we may expect to see a great struggle. The obvious choice seems to be King's Warden, owing to its win in the Surrey Handicap, for "A" Class ponies, from the two mile post.

Bear Claw, however, must not be disregarded as Mr. Black handles this pony perfectly, and I honestly believe that it has more than an outside chance.

On the other hand, there is Wild Life. Take your mind back to the race it won with such consummate ease over the same distance, in the May Handicap, at the Fifth Extra Meeting, and judge for yourself.

I think, however, Wild Life will find King's Warden and Bear Claw just a little too good. Regarding Soldier of Britain, I am afraid it can be left alone. A great race should ensue, with the result in doubt up to the very end.

DILATORY HANDICAP:—SIX FURLONGS.

In this race, for "E" Class China ponies and Subscription Griffins of this season, that have not won more than \$1000. I recommend Ebony Idol, although carrying top-weight of 168 lbs. If taken out by Mr. R. M. Wood again, its weight will be reduced to 163 lbs., and I think it will just win as it is fairly fast over short distances.

Emergency Call (Mr. B. L. Tao) is the next best, and should receive a good following. National Faith (Mr. H. C. Pih), which won the "Ewo Handicap" at the last meeting, should fill the other minor position.

TARDY HANDICAP:—ONE MILE.

This is the first leg of the "Daily Double," and punters are given a knotty problem to solve, especially as the race is confined to novice jockeys. Owing to its recent demotion from the "B" Class, Tyne (Mr. R. M. Wood) has been allotted top-weight of 168 lbs. and I am ruling it out of the running.

Among the other entries, and judging by past results, I look to Soldier of China (Mr. C. L. Gregory) to win. If it fails, however, keep an eye on Jungle Jim (Mr. K. I. Ip) to fill first place. Commencement Bay (Mr. S. L. Yuen), which has been a source of disappointment to its owner lately, may be worth following for a place.

QUEENSLAND AUTUMN CHAMPIONS:—1½ MILES.

There are not many ponies qualified for this event confined to Australian ponies. Strathroy, which suffered its first defeat this year at the hands of Able Amazon, in the Saughton Handicap, over one mile at the last meeting, has been reported unfit, and will not accept, leaving Mr. D. Black without a mount for this important event.

With Strathroy out of the way a great struggle for supremacy between Gypsy Love (Mr. B. L. Tao) and Able Amazon (Mr. S. C. Liang) should ensue, and, judging from past performances, I nominate the former to win, even though Able Amazon revealed its old form at the last meeting. Other entries will probably include Lancashire Chips (Mr. H. C. Pih) and Blandford (Mr. N. Deitz).

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(By AIR MAIL)

Selkirk, November 27.

SELKIRK retained their unbeaten record at Philiphaugh by defeating Watsonians in the last minute of a game which provided the spectators with more thrills than they have had for many a day.

IN A SECOND HALF WHICH KEPT EVERYONE ON TIP-TOE, THE EDINBURGH MEN KEPT IN FRONT RIGHT TO THE END, AND NO SOONER HAD J. BEATTIE DIVED OVER FOR THE WINNING SELKIRK TRY THAN THE FINAL WHISTLE WENT, THE SOUTERS THUS WINNING BY A GOAL, A PENALTY GOAL, AND TWO TRIES TO A GOAL, A DROPPED GOAL, AND A TRY.

From the result it can be imagined that the game might have gone either way, but one must pay tribute to the magnificent display of the Selkirk forwards. They produced the Border style of play at its best, and it was a striking example of good forwards beating good backs, for Watsonians were undoubtedly better behind the scrum.

The Watsonian pack, out-weighted by a big margin, fought extraordinarily well, but in that last hectic rush they were simply overwhelmed. The Edinburgh back division had been reshuffled as a result of injuries in the mid-week Cambridge game, A. Reid being at full back and T. C. Brown occupying the stand-off position.

The latter was easily the best of the backs afield, and he took and gave his passes perfectly. His partner, K. S. H. Wilson, played splendidly behind losing forwards, but E. C. Hunter was not quite in his brightest mood, though he did sterling work towards the finish.

The Selkirk backs were rarely in the game, and T. Henderson, J. Beattie, A. Stewart, and S. Roberts were the outstanding men in a rampant Selkirk pack.

THRILLS TO COME

The first half was hard, but gave little indication of the thrills that were to come. Watsonians crossing over with a lead of two points, which came through a Wilson try and a Hunter goal-kick, Selkirk's scoring contribution being a penalty goal by Beattie.

Early in the second half Hunter increased the Watsonian lead with a good dropped goal, but a fiery Selkirk forward rush came as a counter, and after a scramble near the line S. Horsburgh nipped over for a try.

LAST MINUTE THRILL

Beattie's successful goal-kick started the excitement, and Watsonians, far from shaken, made an immediate and successful reply, R. M. Donaldson going over for a try after the best three-quarter movement of the game.

There were only five minutes left now, and the Souters roused them-

SCOTTISH RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.
Dunfermline	7	6	1	0	122	42
Stewart's (F.P.)	9	7	2	0	107	72
Selkirk	10	7	2	1	117	63
Heriot's (F.P.)	9	7	2	0	144	66
St. Andrews U.	2	0	2	0	6	16
Kelso	11	7	3	1	99	69
Melville C. (F.P.)	8	3	3	2	66	104
Watsonians	10	7	3	0	185	68
Edinburgh Acad.	7	4	3	0	53	58
Glasgow H.S. (F.P.)	11	7	3	1	98	68
Hillhead H.S.	11	8	3	0	153	66
R.H.S. (F.P.)	9	5	4	0	75	83
Greenock W.	5	1	4	0	32	69
Langholm	5	1	4	0	25	70
W. of Scotland	10	4	5	1	80	102
Edinburgh W.	9	4	5	0	98	113
Gala	9	4	5	0	92	89
Edinburgh U.	6	0	6	0	27	125
Kelvinside Acad.	11	4	6	1	130	117
Glasgow Acad.	12	5	6	1	154	147
Jedforest	9	2	6	1	48	94
Melrose	9	3	6	0	90	105
Hawick	11	4	7	0	72	100
Glasgow U.	8	0	8	0	26	182

selves into a storming attack. When S. Carss was held up on the line he cleverly passed inside to A. R. Murray, who crashed over for a try. That gave Selkirk hope, but little time. Nevertheless, the Selkirk men swept once more to the attack, and after J. Edwards had been tackled in a bold bid for the line, the ball went among the forwards, and Beattie snatched it up to go in for a try, which sent Souter hats in the air.

MIXED DOUBLES BADMINTON PROGRAMME FOR TO-NIGHT

The following matches will be played off in the Mixed Doubles Badminton League this evening.

Taikoo R.C.	St. Andrew's
Kowloon Young	Recreio "A"
Recreio "B"	University



Racing

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LAST CHANCE HANDICAP:— ONE MILE.

Looking over the entries for this event, which is the second leg of the "Daily Double," I think that I am right in stating that the finish will be fought out between A Great Time (Mr. S. C. Liang), Strathcarrick (Mr. D. Black) and Discovery Bay (Mr. S. L. Yuen).

I am inclined to fancy Strathcarrick, with A Great Time taking second place and Discovery Bay third.

The real outsider in this race, however is Rooify, with Mr. W. H. S. Davis on top. This pony has been knocking at the door for a long while, and, for those who care to take the risk, a ticket each way might prove a profitable investment.

FINALE HANDICAP:— ONE MILE.

For the final race of the day and the year, there should be a close and exciting finish. Having been allotted the post of honour of carrying 168 lbs. Royal Consort (Mr. A. D. Coppin) can be discarded.

Although Good Morning (Mr. S. L. Yuen) only just managed to beat Valorous (Mr. Y. T. Fung) at the last meeting, which was contested from the five furlong post, I am inclined to believe that to-morrow, in view of the longer distance and in the change of jockey in Mr. S. C. Liang, the result is likely to be reversed.

At any rate the finish should again be fought out between these two ponies, with Valorous having a slight advantage. The longer distance is also more to Daylight Eve's liking.

It will have Mr. D. Black as its jockey, but I cannot see it doing better than taking third place. As an

GOLF STARTING TIMES

Sunday's Pairings For Fanling

The following are the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanling next Sunday:—

OLD COURSE

9.16 a.m.	Final Club Championship.
9.20 "	J. Gardner, W. Mulcahy.
9.24 "	A. C. I. Bowker, L. M. S. Lloyd.
9.28 "	W. G. Robertson, W. Hewitt.
9.32 "	Naval Volunteers, Bank Line.
9.36 "	W. Woodward, H. N. Williamson.
9.40 "	E. J. R. Mitchell, W. Sharp.
9.44 "	N. D. Lloyd, E. G. Smith.
9.48 "	Col. Blake, P. A. Cox.
9.52 "	H. H. Beddow, G. F. Rees.
9.56 "	K. S. Robertson, C. W. E. Bishop.
10.00 "	K. K. Rands, J. Stenersen.
10.04 "	J. Leckie, D. Lyon.
10.08 "	A. Morse, S. J. H. Fox.
10.12 "	H. E. The Governor.
10.16 "	J. G. Campbell, T. Low.
10.20 "	G. C. Worrall, A. T. Lay.
10.24 "	J. E. Potter, H. H. Mundy.
10.28 "	A. V. Greaves, A. B. Purves.
10.32 "	C. W. Jeffries, B. D. Evans.
10.36 "	T. A. Pearce, A. E. Lissaman.
10.40 "	E. T. McMullen, R. G. Parker.
10.44 "	J. K. Bousfield, Wing Cdr. Bishop.
10.48 "	K. S. Morrison, I. H. Geare.
10.52 "	L. R. Cramer, C. A. King.
10.56 "	H. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenzie.
11.00 "	W. L. Alexander, J. Harrop.
11.04 "	C. M. Gee, J. H. M. Andrew.
11.08 "	K. R. Quick, E. Laidlaw.
11.12 "	G. B. G. Hull, E. Brent Smith.

NEW COURSE

9.16 a.m.	H. J. Armstrong, E. D. Matthews.
9.24 "	P. H. Scoones, G. A. Leiper.
9.28 "	G. H. Cauthery, C. C. Willson.
9.36 "	R. G. Gray, W. Park.
9.40 "	J. S. Dunnett, W. A. Adamson.
9.56 "	H. F. Sommers Snr. and Jr.
10.04 "	W. N. A. and Mrs. Smalley.
10.12 "	G. and Mrs. Castle.
10.20 "	Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. Mulcahy.
10.28 "	Mrs. Collings, T. E. Robson.
10.36 "	Mrs. Blake, Miss Goodrich.
10.56 "	Mrs. Overy, Mrs. Mackenzie.
11.00 "	A. E. and Mrs. Forbes.

outsider, I recommend Sylvandale (Mr. B. A. Proulx).

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CAPTAIN'S CUP GOLF AT FANLING

Draw For Match Play Stages

The following is the draw for the match play stages of the Captain's Cup Golf Competition, under the auspices of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, the first round of which must be held on or before January 2, 1938, the second round on or before January 16, the third round on or before January 30, the semi-final round on or before February 13 and the final on or before February 27:

Byes Into 2nd Round:—
Major F. C. B. Shannon (6) v. A. Morse (12).
G. H. Henry (18) v. G. A. Stewart (15).
W. Sharp (9) v. I. H. Geare (11).
A. D. Humphreys (10).
First Round:—
T. E. Pearce (15) v. G. F. O'Brien (17).
A. A. Bremner (14) v. D. S. Edward (4).

Byes Into 2nd Round:—
J. B. Mackie (6).
J. S. Dunnett (16) v. J. H. Seth (18).
D. L. Prophet (14) v. J. E. Jupp (9).
H. N. Williamson (13) v. Col. H. H. Blake (6).
The first named in each bracket is the challenger and is responsible for the arranging of dates. The above handicaps will be adhered to throughout.

C.B.A. SOFTBALL TEAM

The following will represent the Central British Association against the Filipino Club in their Softball League fixture on Sunday, on the C. B. A. ground at 11 a.m.:—
W. Muir (Capt.), G. Gurevitch, G. Fowler, S. MacNider, S. Fowler, T. S. D. Whitley, J. J. King, T. Gaubert, D. S. Blake, E. Fowler and C. Spradbury.

HEADMASTER'S XI HELD TO DRAW

D.B.S. Cricket Match

The Diocesan Boys' School were held to a drawn game by the Headmaster's Eleven in a friendly cricket match played at the School on Wednesday.

The Headmaster's team batted first, and scored 124 runs, D. J. N. Anderson being top scorer with 17 runs. D. Cray was in good bowling form, and took four wickets, while C. Matthews captured three wickets.

The School boys replied with 88 runs for seven wickets. F. Lay being top scorer for his side with 30 while C. B. R. Sargent took five wickets for 38 runs.

SOUTH CHINA ATHLETIC MEET IN JANUARY

The South China Athletic Association will hold their 15th annual athletic meet on January 1 and 2 at Caroline Hill, commencing at 10 a.m. Two events will be open to the Colony, namely the 400 metres relay race for men, and another for ladies. The entrance fee will be one dollar. Entries will close on December 21.

LADIES' GOLF COMPETITION

The results of the L. G. U. Medal Competition of the Ladies' Section, Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, played on December 14 were as follows:—
Silver Medal (Old Course)—Mrs. Whyte Smith 96—15—80.
Bronze Medal (New Course)—Miss Stevens 108—30—78.

FURTHER THOUGHTS UPON SCOTLAND'S FUTURE RUGBY XV KERR WAS ONLY RESERVE TO A RESERVE

J. L. STEWART WATSON A "FIND"

(By PLEGAN)

LAST week, I discussed the state of affairs in regard to the Rugby players who wore Scotland's colours in 1936-37. The time has arrived to give the "once over" to those men who are considered to be worthy of attention this season, but were not "capped" last season.

Men mentioned in connection with the full back billet, apart from internationalists K. W. Marshall and J. M. Kerr, are George Roberts (Watsonians), J. A. Innes (Aberdeen Grammar School F.P.), J. L. Stuart Watson (London Scottish), A. H. Piper (West of Scotland), H. L. Mackinnon (Edinburgh Wanderers), H. S. Gillies (Cambridge University), C. F. Grieve (ex-Oxford, some time London Scottish, and now with the Duke of Wellington's Regiment), W. A. Smith (Kelso), J. Dun (Gala), and W. R. Thomson (Glasgow High School F.P.).

Some of these performers, of due consideration, I say that, although he is a first-class player, he is not up to international standard. He is not as good as Kerr, whom I have seen four times this autumn.

Myreside enthusiasts will allow their thoughts to go no further than Roberts. This is natural, perhaps; but, I think, they are in for a disappointment. I have seen their captain play three times this season. After

RESERVE TO A RESERVE
I have made no secret of the fact that I have never regarded Kerr as being of international status, either. He got his first "cap" as reserve to Marshall, who, in his turn, was reserve to D. I. Brown. So he was a reserve to a reserve, and, last season, was ousted by that reserve. Kerr is indeed a splendid full back, but he just escapes real class. And Roberts is a rung or two below him on the ladder.

J. A. Innes gave a good performance for the North against the Midlands; and he goes on for trial with the South. He may reach one of the final trials. Splendid. But we must see more of him in big company before making any concrete remarks about him. His club hardly get the tests that the city, Border, and Dunfermline and St. Andrews University clubs do.

My attention has been drawn several times to J. L. Stuart Watson this season. The London Scottish certainly seem to have a "find" in him. He has the advantage of having played for Oxford, which always gives a player a real, searching time. In the game against Cambridge, he showed himself to be a very safe last line of defence, so it is rather surprising that so many people should be hailing him this season as an almost newcomer to outstanding circles. I am quite prepared to see him at both Melrose and Murrayfield.

A. H. Piper has not lived up to his reputation at Glenalmond, where Mark Sugden, his coach, the famous Irish scrum half, regarded him as a certain Scottish "cap" of the future. Piper, I think, can hardly be regarded now as a real challenger for honours, although there is no reason why he should not reproduce his old form at some time. Such things do happen.

MUCH OF A MUCHNESS

There is much of a muchness about Mackinnon, Smith, Dun, and Thomson. You might call them safety-first backs, with not too much call upon our imagination. Mackinnon, I think, is a street or so above the others.

H. S. Gillies has been calling forth much praise down South. He played full back for the Scottish schoolboys against the English schoolboys in 1933-34. At Loretto, he was regarded as reliable in his position. I cannot make personal comments upon him, as I do not remember seeing him since he left the Musselburgh educational establishment. But the praise that comes through from England ought to be sifted.

COOLNESS AND A "CAP"

Before dealing with the last man on the list, C. F. Grieve, it might be as well to think over a Ferryfield remark about G. S. P. Bain, the Melville College F.P. full back, who has had much to do with the sudden and happy success that has come to his side.

"If coolness got a man 'capped,'" someone said, "Bain would walk into the Scotland side."

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(By B. BENNISON)

London, November 13.

THE fighting future of Jack Smith, of Worcester, winner of a £2000 heavy-weight competition decided under the direction of the National Sporting Club last Monday at Earl's Court, and that of Johnny Bate, a fellow-townsmen, whom he defeated in the final, will be followed with great interest. Both have it in them to make good.

In particular is this true of Smith, who is the richer in physical qualities, and quite as good a boxer as his neighbour. I understand that he will be more or less under the care of Lou Walsh, who manages the affairs of Foord.

With £250 as his prize, he need not trouble his head about profitable employment for the next few months, during which time, if he is as shrewd as I believe him to be, he will apply himself to a rigorous study of the finer arts of boxing, and offer a deaf ear to promoters who are ready to present him immediately in this and that match.

It was a fine achievement to beat all-comers in the latest search for talent. It is proof that he has the stuff of a genuine fighter, but how much remains for him to learn he will realise if he puts himself through a process of dissection. It will be all to his credit if, twelve months from now, he can hold his own with the more experienced third-raters. The danger of attempting too much is very real.

HARD WORK NEEDED

If I were he I should seek as much sparring as possible with fighters who bear some relationship to style. It is in his favour that already he has a sense of deportment, and, if he is rather slow to punch, he puts telling weight in his punches. And he has proved his courage. Above all, he is splendidly young. Smith, make a daily habit of your gymnasium—from now on it must be your workshop and your study!

You will probably discover that you are disposed to bulkiness. If I am not mistaken you are apt to run to seed if you do not keep close to the grindstone. You require to be hardened and speeded up. That is only possible by systematic training. Forget that you have won what to many a seasoned fighter would be considered a small fortune, and that you are something of the man of the moment. Remember that you are a beginner—an especially promising beginner—but still a beginner. Then you are bound to succeed.

TAKEN IN HAND

Bate, who is a couple of stone lighter, has been taken under the wing of Harringay, and has been found work at their kennels that will allow him ample time in which to improve his fighting education.

Harringay have done well to bring Ed Wenstob, a pleasantly remembered Alberta cowboy, back to London. Since he returned home, after a not completely successful stay here, he has made such strides that American assessors rate him sixth-best heavy-weight. He has done uncommonly well in the States recently. His first match will be with Roby Leibbrandt, the South African, towards the end of this



month. When they go into the ring, Wenstob should tell previously how good, bad, or indifferent Leibbrandt is; he is the very man for the job.

DELANEY AND STRICKLAND

As I suggested, a fight has been arranged between Delaney and Maurice Strickland. They have been booked by Harringay, who, making no bones of their intentions, have set out to go one better than any other promoters. "We insist upon the best"—that is their slogan. Splendid! But, being old in the tooth, I warn them that any attempt to create something like a corner in talent is to make a rod for one's own back, as Mike Jacobs has discovered to his considerable cost, I suspect.

IMMENSE SERVICE

The Club are doing an immense service to boxing and boxers. Their ring is wide open to all youngsters of promise, and most generous encouragement is being given to provincial lads. The boys from the country who have been tried at Earl's Court have almost without exception made a mark, notably Billy Charlton, of Gateshead, a featherweight champion of the near future.

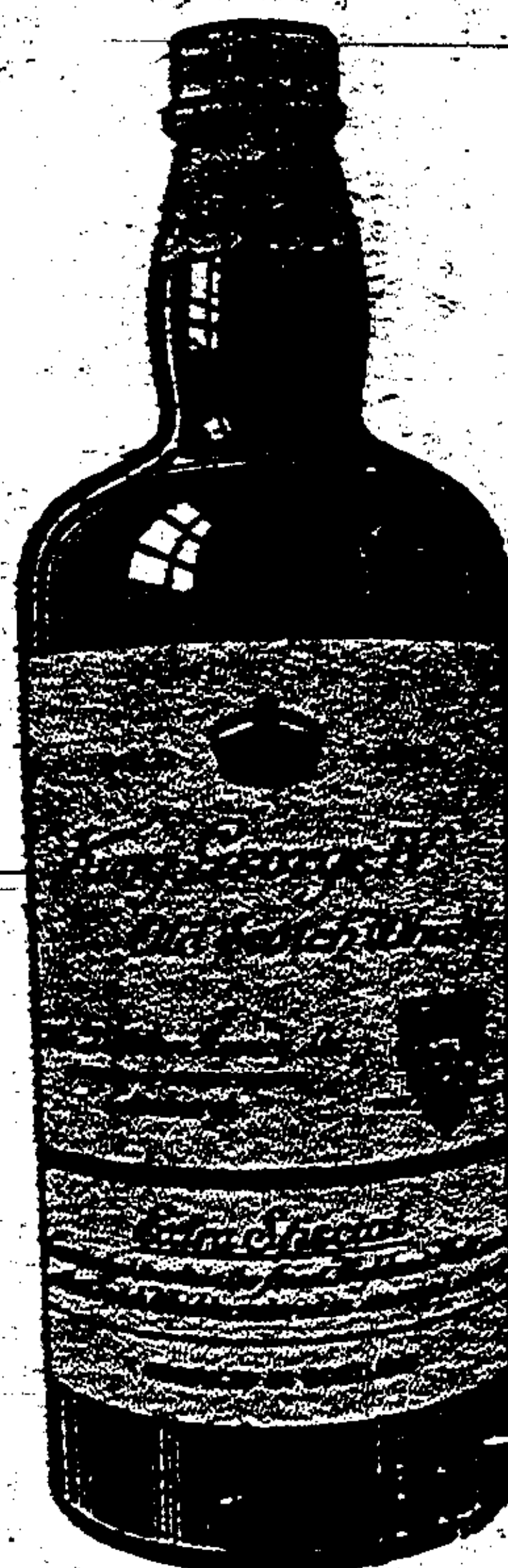
One of the most arresting fights I have seen for a very long time was that between Len Beynon, the Welshman, and Jackie Hurst, a product of St. George's (rare fighting school), under the banner of the N.S.C. at the beginning of the week. It was a return contest, and a side-stake of £25 was put up. Genuine money! They fought like champions. Beynon, as in the first meeting, finished first past the post by a short head. His greater experience told in his favour. I cannot recollect an occasion when he boxed and fought to such purpose.

DALY'S RETURN

And Hurst, who is in his teens, did manfully. We have an abundance of the right material in the lighter classes.



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I have just had a telephone call from Ted Broadribb on behalf of George Daly, who has well won his fourth fight in the States. It is to the effect that he is hoping to come home for a fight before Christmas, after which he will return to New York, where critics and public alike think no end of him. If Roth beats Mizler, it is as likely as not that Daly will be matched with him.

BAERS KEEN TO GET BACK

I hear that the two Baers are keen to come back here. The difficulty is that they must wait to see how the cat, as represented by Mike Jacobs, jumps. I have an idea that Max will be invited to make good at the expense of Schmeling in the early spring. At the moment, at any rate, we have nothing really worth his or our while to offer. And that goes for Buddy, who has never been so happy as when he was here.

FURTHER THOUGHTS UPON SCOTLAND'S FUTURE RUGBY XV

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Now to deal with the rather peculiar position of Grieve. I was a keen supporter of Grieve's candidature for the stand-off half billet in the Scotland side, which he has filled twice.

BETTER FLY-HALF

Many keen judges of the game aver that full back is Grieve's best post. They think that he is a much classier performer there than at fly-half. Grieve, who was both a stand-off half and centre three-quarter at Ampleforth College, played at full back for Oxford University in 1934-35. Grieve is undoubtedly full of ability as a footballer and a last line of defence, but one just wonders whether his lack of size is not rather against him a bit as a full back. It remains now to see what the Army will do with him. He is up against England's Reynolds at half.

FRENCH-CZECH RELATIONS

Prague, To-day.
In a leading article on relations between France and Czechoslovakia, a Prague newspaper says that "Much has changed since 1934, when the late M. Louis Barthou came to Prague, but our relations have remained unchanged."

"Every Czech knows that our independence is guaranteed by France."

"Understanding between France and Germany is an essential condition of European peace, and Czechoslovakia wishes to live in peace with all her neighbours as an equal and independent partner."

HAILE SELASSIE TO BROADCAST TO U.S.A.

London, To-day.
The Emperor Haile Selassie has been invited to make a 15-minute radio address from England to the United States on Christmas Day, says the "Star."

That more than usual importance is attached to this event is indicated by the fact that about 100 radio stations in the United States will broadcast the Negus' speech. — Trans-Ocean.

SWEDEN AND THE REBELS

Stockholm, To-day.
Press reports state that preparations are now under way for resumption of shipping between Sweden and Nationalist Spain.

At present, Sweden and Russia

FAR EAST AS LEVER IN SPAIN

London, To-day.
The Foreign Secretary was asked in the House of Commons by Com. A. R. J. Southby (Conservative, Epsom) whether, in view of the task devolving upon the British Navy in the Far East, he would do his utmost to expedite granting of belligerent rights to both parties in Spain.

Mr. Anthony Eden replied that war rights at sea could be granted on the basis of the agreement drawn up by the non-intervention committee only when the committee was able to convince themselves that substantial progress had been made in withdrawal of foreign volunteers. — Trans-Ocean.

are the only maritime nations which have refrained from the shipping trade with the Nationalists.

In Sweden's case, this has been due to Union boycott, and has resulted in taking over of Sweden's trade with Spain by British lines. — Trans-Ocean.

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MINE PRODUCTION IN PHILIPPINES

Messrs. Nielson and Company report—

Twenty-two gold mines of the Islands reported a total production of P.4,588,801.65. Amount of production from Tambis and Twin Rivers are still lacking. The total for all mines last month was P.79,000 below October although the November figures are the second best ever reported in the Philippines.

Baguio Gold, I. X. L., Benguet Consolidated and United Paracale all reported new high production figures for the month under review. Total production for 1937 to date amounts to P.46,908,326.35 as compared to P.39,989,142.72 for the first eleven months of 1936.

It may be noted that Benguet Consolidated has practically reached the million peso per month classification. Their ore averaged P.29.685. Balatoc and Benguet recently voted a 30 per cent cash dividend. The total cash distribution by these two companies for the year will be P.12,000,000. Balatoc's recent dividend declaration makes a total of P.1.35 per share paid stockholders this year. In addition to this the company also paid a 50 per cent stock dividend.

Demonstration, Baguio Gold and Atok have recently declared dividends of 10 per cent.

Total cash dividends paid by the entire industry in 1937 will amount to better than P.18,000,000 which places the industry on a par with any in the Islands.

It is expected that Antamok will soon declare at least a 20 per cent dividend for the fourth quarter. The industry will export gold, silver, copper, iron and other base metals during the current year in the value of approximately P.52,000,000.

Lepanto Consolidated, a Nielson-managed property treated 9438 tons of ore last month containing copper, gold and silver valued at P.50,675.00.

Hongkong Mines, another Nielson-managed property produced 462 dry tons for the month of November. This plant is being increased from 150 tons per day to 250-275 tons per day.

	Tons	Production
Ambassador	1255	P. 15,474.00
Antamok	23261	442,311.66
Baguio Gold	7317	130,974.42
Benguet		
Consolidated	31086	922,797.88
Balatoc	36516	1,094,381.84
Big Wedge	4777	140,767.61
Benguet		
Exploration	2910	21,812.00
Cal-Horr	6523	34,000.00
Demonstration	8609	139,597.00
Ipo	5914	46,818.60
Ibogon	30000	339,019.97
I. X. L.	8826	228,416.58
Masbate	54988	215,868.84
Mindanao		
Mother Lode	—	184,259.46
Mindanao Mining	—	14,420.00
Royal Paracale	2600	16,636.92
San Mauricio	7221	163,911.25
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- 11—Underwood Portable typewriter, Black Frame, A1 condition.
- 12—Continental type Billiard Table with Cues, will consider first reasonable offer.
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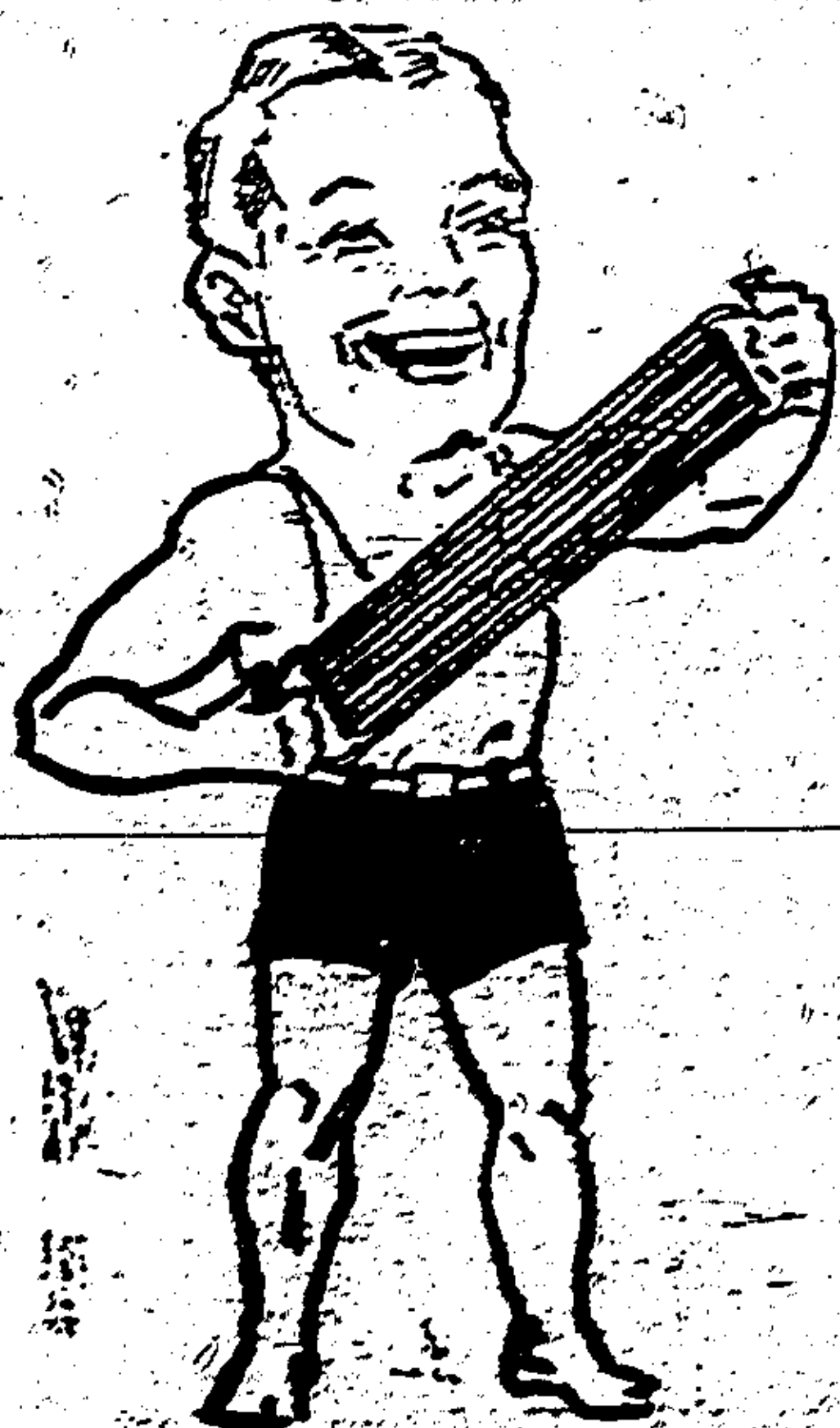
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By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 13th December, 1937.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a THIRD INTERIM DIVIDEND for the year ending the 28th February, 1938, of two per cent., that is \$2.00 per share, will be paid on all shares in this Company on Wednesday the 22nd December, 1937, at the Company's Office at China Building, 5th floor.

The TRANSFER BOOK of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th to the 22nd December, 1937, both days inclusive.

By Order of the
Board of Directors,
FUNG PING FAN,
Director & Secretary.
Hong Kong, 14th Dec., 1937.

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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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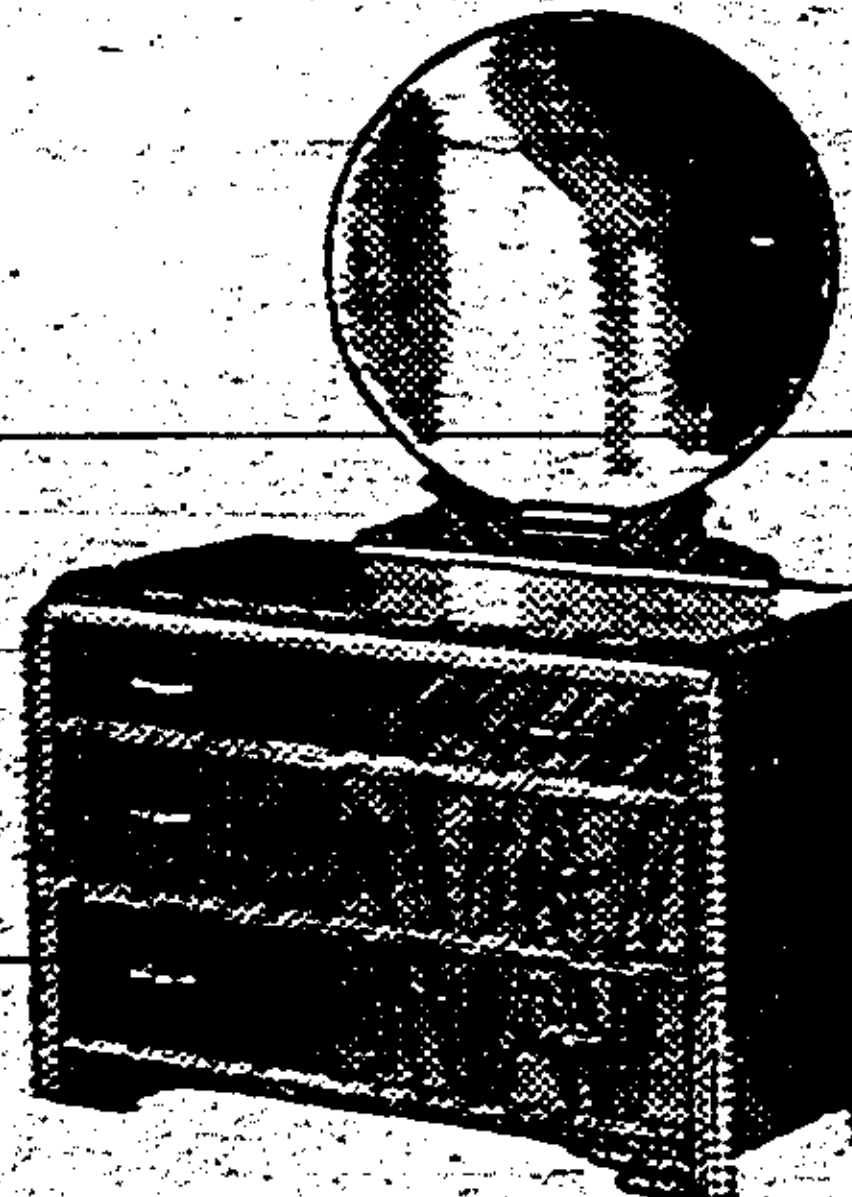
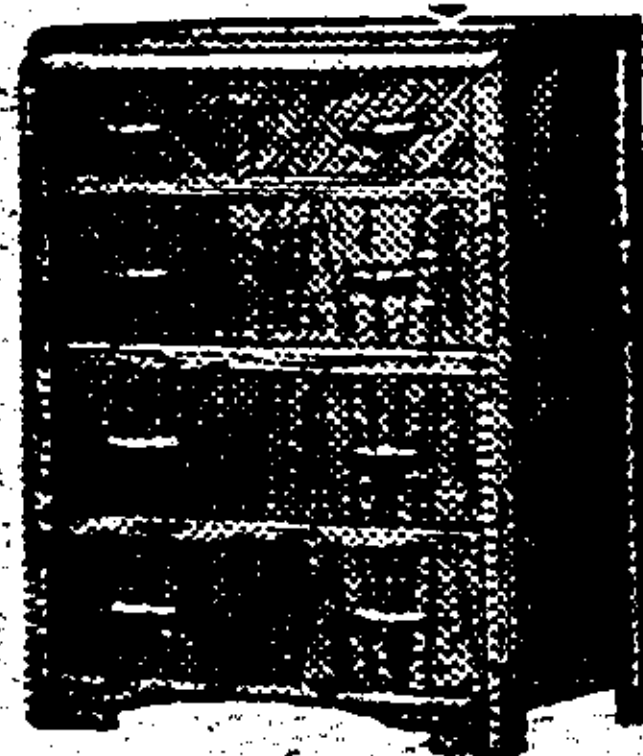
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The "triumphal entry" of General Matsui and Admiral Hasegawa into Nanking was made at 1.30 p.m. to-day simultaneously at Hsiakwan.

General Matsui was accompanied by General Prince Asaka (commander of the Asaka Division which took a leading part in the operations against Nanking) and the party proceeded to the Kuomintang Headquarters, over which a huge Japanese flag fluttered in the breeze.

The ceremonies are concluding at 2.30 p.m.

The three leaders outside the Kuomintang headquarters, faced east and bowed, uttering three Ban-zais, after which speeches were delivered.—Our Own Correspondent.

CUSTOMS DUTY CUTS IN TIENTSIN

Tientsin, To-day.

The members of the "provincial government" paid courtesy calls on General Terauchi, Japanese commander-in-chief in North China, to-day.

It is stated also here that following seizure of the Customs, the new government propose to reduce the tariff on various goods by from 20 to 50 per cent.—Our Own Correspondent.

FRANCE KEPT INFORMED

Paris, To-day.

The French Government is being kept fully informed on Anglo-American discussions regarding a common policy in the Far East, it is revealed by circles close to the Quai D'Orsay.

Developments are being followed with the liveliest interest, particularly in view of the reported occupation of Waichao Island, off Pakhoi, by Japanese naval forces.—Trans-Ocean.

SHOPLIFTING CASE

A fine of \$20 or one month was imposed on Lam Sai, a married woman, by Mr. R. Edwards, who was charged with the theft of 20 pairs of socks from the China Emporium yesterday.

Detective-sergeant North said defendant was seen by one of the salesmen to take the socks and put them into a rattan basket she was carrying.

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